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NEW GRAVITY IN CHINA WAR AS RED MOVEMENTS DEVELOP

PICTURE OF THE DAY
ACTION IN
EXERCISE
FULTUM

First Bid Made To Broach Yangtse Defence Line

Nanking, December 6.

The war situation took a new grave turn today with the report by unofficial, but highly reliable, sources that elements of three Nationalist Army groups were surrounded by about 10 Communist columns under General Chen Yi, nine miles North East of Yungcheng, in Eastern Honan.

These army groups are the 2nd, 13th and 16th under Generals Li Mi, Chiu Ching-chuan and Sun Yuan-liang, which recently abandoned Hsuehchow and began moving South.

Brief Government bulletins have daily claimed progress by this force down the railway to Suhsien, but unofficial sources, who may not be quoted, are definite that important elements have moved South-West to Yungcheng region.

CHINA MAY BE UN'S WATERLOO

New York, December 6.

The possibility that the complete defeat of the Government forces in China might wreck the structure of the United Nations is being studied by diplomats in Paris, according to the New York Times' correspondent, Cyrus L. Sulzberger.

This conjecture was postulated, he said, upon certain assumptions: (1) That the Communists over-run Nanking and the Yangtze valley; (2) That Moscow grants diplomatic recognition to a new Communist "Government"; (3) That the Western powers continue to recognise Chiang Kai-shek's Government, wherever it might be situated.

"In such an instance, it is pointed out, the Security Council could in all probability not continue to function," Mr. Sulzberger said.

"If future events and diplomatic hypotheses should prove accurate there would probably be an insoluble dispute over which the Government of China would have the right to appoint a delegate to sit in China's permanent Council seat."

"With the veto power resting in the hands of both disputing factions, should this troublesome situation arise, no solution is at present foreseeable. The United States Department for one is carefully studying possible action should this diplomatic Gordian knot present itself for unravelling,"—Reuter.

Censorship In Shanghai

Shanghai, December 6.

The local city government has circularised all newspapers and news agencies, both foreign and Chinese, today ordering the submission of all news material to the police authorities for censorship before publication.

The order, which is said to have come from the Ministry of the Interior, threatened cancellation of licence to operate in the event of non-compliance.

The heads of the foreign news agencies will meet shortly to consider the order.—Reuter.

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These sources state that their encirclement by General Chen Yi's forces now explain the reason for the apparent retreat of the Communist North-West from Pengpu.

What was officially published by Government agencies as something approaching a rout was, these sources state, a very rapid tactical move by General Chen Yi's mobile forces.

At the same time, the Nationalist General Huang Wei's 12th Army Group still appears to be surrounded by General Liu Po-cheng's columns in the vicinity of Nanyang, South West of Suhsien.

Little recent news has been received as to how they are withstanding the pressure.

Logical Move

Some unofficial circles state that Government forces pushing North from Pengpu are opposed by relatively small Communist forces fighting a rear-guard action to prevent reinforcements reaching the surrounded army groups in the North West.

These sources described the Communist attack on the Nationalists in the Yungcheng region as perfectly logical, being an attempt to wipe out all opposition before trying to push on to the Yangtze.

Heavy fighting was today reported also raging around Hweiling, in North Kiangsu, as Communist activities increased North East of the capital.

Fierce Battle

Heavy fighting is reported today both around Hweiling in North Kiangsu and also East Taihsien, just North of the Yangtze, as the Communist activities increased North-East of the Capital.

Reports from the Kiangsu Provincial Government at Chinkiang said that following the Government's voluntary evacuation of Hweiling "for the deployment of troops in more favourable terrain" the Communists are pushing further South along the Grand Canal and are engaged in fighting with Government troops at Pancha, three miles South-East of Hweiling.

From there, the Communists are undermining the strength of the Grand Canal to continue a Southward advance but reports indicated that the Government troops had set up strong defences on the Grand Canal front near Hweiling, South of Pancha.

Further down, near the North bank of the Yangtze 20,000 Communist are operating Eastward of Taihsien, equipped with heavy artillery and are reported to be striking South at the neighbourhood of Kiangyen, where Government reinforcements, rushing from Yangchow, are expected to arrive at noon today.

First Major Bid

Following up the occupation of Hweiling, a North Kiangsu stronghold, which the Nationalists evacuated last week, General Li Yi, Commander of the Communist forces in North Kiangsu, last night hurled 10,000 troops against Kiangyen, 70 miles to the North-East of Nanking. In what the Government reports described as the first major bid to blast a gap in the Government's first defence line guarding the ap-



"Food riots" and a "strike" in the Colony yesterday, were successfully dealt with by the police and military. In their "Exercise Fultum," the picture above shows troops rushing to aid the police in dispersing "violent strikers" at a Wanchai cigarette factory.—China Mail Photo.

MOCK STRIFE HITS COLONY

Hong Kong's Combined Services Operations Headquarters was "blown up" at 2.15 p.m. yesterday by a "Fifth Columnist" who got past a sentry on the pretext of delivering a suitcase of clothes to a Naval Operations officer.

The wrecking of the Headquarters was the only major "damage" suffered at the hands of "subversive elements" in yesterday's phase of the Colony's combined Police-Army-Naval-Air Force exercises.

"Saboteurs" set the Army Detention Barracks on fire, throw "hand grenades" into naval establishments, and planted a "bomb" underneath HMS London.

Army units manoeuvring in the New Territories came across real bandits and had to interrupt their programme to allow the police to deal with the situation. Two of the four armed robbers were eventually arrested. One possessed a hand grenade.

"Food riots" occurred at the Kennedy Town Fish Market and outside the Shamshui Military Supply Depot, and a "strike" in which "violence" was used, occurred at a cigarette factory at Wanchai.

In addition to the many "rioters" arrested by the police, the Army caught at least 15 "saboteurs" or "Fifth Columnists."

The four-day Exercise Fultum started at 8.30 a.m. yesterday when the Combined Operations Room, in which the Police, Army, Navy and Air Force have their liaison officers, received a message from the police asking for military assistance in dealing with "violent strikers" at Wanchai.

Japanese Miners Threaten Strike

Tokyo, December 6.

Japan's 400,000 organised coal miners voted today to strike unless their almost 100 per cent wage increase demands are met at once.

The decision of the three big national coal miners' unions to strike came as the nation suffered from the crippling seamen's union strike that has halted shipment of vital food, coal and other supplies by tying up 420 vessels in 35 Japanese ports.

The biggest of the coal miners' unions is the All-Japan Coal Industry Labour Union which has 225,000 members and which is Communist-dominated.

The spokesman for the joint Struggle Committee of the three unions said the unions were issuing standby strike orders to members before going into a final negotiations session with mine owners' representatives.

The strike by the All-Japan Seamen's Union already was hurting industry by delaying shipments of coal.

The civil maritime commission said it had set out sailing orders to 138 ships today but none had left port because of the strike.—United Press.

Surface workers want an increase from 5,200 yen to 8,400 yen per month.

Police HQ Captured

According to unconfirmed reports, Police Headquarters were captured by the "enemy" shortly before 6 p.m. yesterday, after a terrific battle.

Latest information received was that the exercises were expected to continue until 4 o'clock this morning, and that the "enemy" was planning disturbances in the Koon Chung (Yaumati) area. This district was heavily patrolled by Royal Air Force personnel in full war kit the whole of yesterday evening and late last night.

Incidentally, the establishment of the Combined Operations Room in which intelligence reports from the Police and the three Services are co-ordinated, is the first of its kind since Liberation.

On arrival of the army unit, the "strikers" were subdued and the "unruly crowds" were dispersed. While the Army was helping at Wanchai, Combined Operations Room received another urgent call for military assistance from the police at Kennedy Town where "food riots" had broken out.

There, the "rioters" were dispersed and the situation was under control within an hour. At most, simultaneously with the "disturbances" on the island, "food riots" broke out outside the Army Supply Depot at Shamshui-po. Army units were sent to the district but did not go into action. The police had the situation under control by the time the military arrived.

At about midday, a "saboteur" set the Army Detention Barracks, in Garden Road, on fire. "Damage" suffered, however, was slight as the Army fire engines arrived within four minutes of the fire alarm.

All naval personnel were "mobilised" from 9 a.m. Personnel living ashore were recalled to ships and other officers and ranks were confined to their respective establishments. The naval establishments were protected by their own staffs. The only "damage" suffered by the naval establishments was caused by hand grenades thrown on to verandahs and through windows by "Fifth Columnists."

Naval parties were sent from ships to "investigate" sabotage reports on board a warship. Other parties were sent to dive for an "unexploded" bomb underneath HMS London.

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ONLY 536 PASSENGERS OF POSSIBLE 4,000 RESCUED FROM SHIP

Shanghai, December 6.

The death roll in the loss of the China Merchant's Ningpo-bound steamer Kiangya, described as one of the world's greatest shipping disasters, was still uncertain this evening.

The only figure so far announced was that 536 passengers and crew have been rescued. There were an estimated 4,000 persons on board when the vessel sank at the mouth of the Yangtze on Friday night.

Awaiting the captain's report, the company said a great many people were believed to have been rescued independently and landed at remote points. Hardened as it is to disasters, Shanghai is nevertheless stunned by the news tonight.

Officials said the sinking of the ship was not due to an explosion of the ship's boilers as a result of the vessel's overloading.

They claimed that preliminary investigations proved that the blast came either from a mine or from hidden explosives on board, and said that a full enquiry would be carried out when the vessel is salvaged. Today, three ships are standing by the wreck and reported that countless bodies could still be seen floating around.

More Disasters

The sinking of the Kiangya was the first of four disastrous mishaps which occurred within 48 hours

on the crowded air, land and sea transports, as the population of Nationalist China continued their mad flight from the civil war threat.

Two of the fatal accidents were directly due to the dense fog—bus-train collision near Wushih, about 80 miles West of Shanghai that killed eight and injured 25 yesterday morning, and an air crash involving a Central Air Transport plane yesterday evening, in which 12 people lost their lives and eight were injured.

The fourth accident occurred at Taiwan, where a Chinese Air Force transport, flying CAF dependents from Nanking to Keelung, hit a mountain near its destination, killing 25 persons. A 12-year-old boy was the lone survivor.

PLANE FORCED DOWN WITH 37 ABOARD

Johnston Island, December 6.

A search plane reported early today it had sighted survivors of a C-54 transport plane forced down at sea yesterday with 37 men aboard.

The search plane radioed: "Sighted flares, dropped boat. Boat landed about 100 yards from survivors. Do not know whether they saw it or not." Captain Allen H. Slotts, piloting the search plane, messaged his petrol supply was running low and started back to Johnston Island—base of search planes.

Status did not report how many survivors he could see.

He placed the spot where he discovered flares at about 52 miles South, West of the point where the transport reported it was landing on the ocean because of engine trouble.

The Pacific Air Command reported the plane belonged to the 24th Troop Carrier Squadron. It was one of five ferrying 155 ground personnel of the 88th Bomb Group from Okinawa to Spokane, Washington, after three months' special training.

The command reported it was "ditched" after radioing that two of its four engines had failed. In an extensive search was organised immediately from Johnston Island, 340 miles North East of the plane's last reported position. The four planes in the ferrying group with the ditched craft, three navy ships including the escort aircraft carrier Badoona and army and navy planes from this area joined in the hunt.—Associated Press.

West Coast Strike Ends

San Francisco, December 6.

Work will be resumed in all West Coast ports on Monday, a maritime employer announcement said on Sunday night—ending the 95-day old water-front tie-up.

The Joint announcement of the Pacific American Shipowners Association and the Waterfront Employers Association here said work would be resumed everywhere possible, depending upon the extent of readiness of men and ships.

About 185 ships are tied up in the West Coast ports and a total of 280 in all United States ports as a result of the Western strike. How many will have steam up by Monday morning remained uncertain. How many workers could be reached with the back to work call also was not known.

The Longshoremen's Union and the Waterfront Employer Association issued a joint request to radio stations and newspapers to urge all storekeepers to report to their hiring halls on Monday.—Associated Press.

Air Service Suspended

Singapore, December 6.

The British Overseas Airways Corporation weekly flying boat service between Singapore and Hong Kong by way of Bangkok will be suspended from December 14 so the aircraft can be used for evacuation purposes at Shanghai, it was announced by BOAC here today.

The twice-weekly direct service between Singapore and Hong Kong will not be affected, the announcement added.—Reuter.

Engineer Dies In Fire At Sea

(Exclusive to the "China Mail")

Mr. W. Tofteund, Norwegian chief engineer of the Panamanian freighter San Antonio, lost his life when his cabin caught fire while the vessel was nearing Swatow en route from Hong Kong to Hungnam, Korea, at 4 a.m. yesterday morning.

The San Antonio, formerly the Chinese vessel Kwok Shih, has 700 tons of cargo, about 1,000 tons of bunker coal and 12 Asiatic deck passengers aboard. She left the Colony last Sunday. Mr. Tofteund is in command of three European officers and a crew of 55 Asiatics.

The vessel arrived here from Shanghai recently as the Kwok Shih, in ballast. She had then nine Asiatic cabinless passengers. Wallem and Company are the owners.

THE WEATHER

Today's Forecast: Light or moderate variable wind. South Easterly predominating, fair with nominal haze.
Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 79.2 deg. Fah. Minimum: 64.4 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 6.4 hours. Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—2178.8 mm.—97.6 in., as against an average of 2117.5 mm.—83.37 in. Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
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SHANGHAI FEARS MOBS MORE THAN THE REDS

Shanghai, December 6.

Gradually and subtly, the main worry of both Chinese and foreigners here is switching from the Communists to mobs who may run amuck before the Reds take over.

This worry is not new, but it is becoming paramount as the novelty of the prospect of Communist occupation wears off. It stems from two factors.

The first is that of hundreds of thousands of ragged people who throng the streets doing petty business. They are vendors of junk, cheap gadgets and marginal items of clothing like scarves and handkerchiefs.

In short, they are the uncounted element in Shanghai's 5,000,000 people who really are jobless but who present an illusion of stability. They are good-natured now especially since prices are falling and their pitiful lives become a little less intolerable.

However, it is realised that they are potential dynamite if law and order collapse.

The grim fact is that probably more than half of Shanghai's people are so threatened that such an item as a pair of good shoes would mean temporary wealth for beyond reach.

If there is nobody to stop them they may take what they can when the chance comes.

The next step would be attacking wealthy Chinese and foreigners, partly due to the prevalent belief that all foreigners are fabulously wealthy by ordinary Chinese standards.

Red Agents

Anti-foreigners now is at its lowest ebb in many a month, but foreigners are not forgetting that they always are subject to deception as prey, alien parasites by interested parties, which may include but certainly do not end with Communist advance agents who are believed to be in the city.

The second factor considered potentially dangerous is the possibility of defeated Nationalist troops pouring into Shanghai. Few believe their officers will be able to maintain discipline even if they are still around to try. Most soldiers are ill-fed and ill-paid boys to whom a warm sweater or leather shoes could mean all the difference between the usual poverty and temporary wealth, comfort and prestige among their fellows.

Tien'sin reports that wounded defeated Nationalist soldiers have been practically holding up foreign firms demanding money, are regarded as a preview of what can happen.

British Concern

Last week such soldier begging in Tien'sin National City Bank was easily stayed off but the time may come when he may return with others in no mood for mere begging. Such fears have ample background in anti-foreign excesses in the national revolution of 1927 throughout the Yangtze Valley.

Midst American evacuations, the British are gradually swinging around to serious concern despite recent consular reassurances. Americans have been wondering if the U.S. Marines in Tientsin may be moved here to protect

lives and property against the disorders which everyone fears. This still is only the talking stage, but as the Nanking Government denies it is fleeing Southward while making every apparent preparation to do so, the confidence in orderly transition is disintegrating. The worry is shifting from what the Communists may do to what may happen before they get here.—Associated Press.

WINNING TICKET

The winning Diocesan Girls' School Bazaar entrance ticket is 1020.

Defendant Claims High Key Money Prohibitive

Hearing of the possession case in respect of the 2nd and 3rd floors of No. 8, Hillwood Road, was resumed before Mr. Peter Sin, in No. 1 Tenancy Tribunal yesterday.

The applicant, Lee Kai-yu, wife of Ching Ting-koo, former Chinese Ambassador to Brazil and former Mayor of Canton, was represented by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quinn.

The opponents, Mak Yee and Chiu Chak, were represented by Mr. Alfred Y. Hon, and Mr. P. C. Won.

High Key Money

The case for the opponents opened yesterday when Mak Yee told the tribunal that he became tenant of his flat in 1940. His two sub-tenants and their families, Mr. De Sa and Mr. d'Assumpcao moved in in September and December 1945 respectively.

Since receiving notice to quit he had made every effort to look for alternative accommodation, but found that unless he was prepared to pay a few thousand dollars key money his quest was fruitless. He was earning HK\$260 a month, and had to pay his share of the rent—HK\$40 a month and water charges.

No Flat So Cheap

Upon Mr. Bernacchi suggesting that witness could, together with his sub-tenants, raise about HK\$1,000 among themselves to pay for a new flat, witness said he had never heard of any flat going for such a small amount of key money.

Witness was not aware that several months ago there were

Reminders

Today

H.K. Rotary Club, talk on "The Lost Ten Tribes of Israel," Tod Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Urban Council meeting, GEO Bldg., 4.15 p.m.
Choral Group Concert, China Fleet Club theatre, 9.15 p.m.
European YMCA Ladies Section Committee meeting, 3 p.m.
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Debate on "Radio, Present, Past and Future," European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.
Tee H Club meeting, Talbot House, 50 Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

THURSDAY
Yongtze Finance Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, King's Bldg., 11.30 a.m.
Formal Opening of Morrison Hall, by the Governor, 4 p.m.
H.K. Society for Protection of Children, annual meeting, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Cigarette Making," by Mr. John Stericker, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club meeting, Root Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

FRIDAY
Street Sweepers Society, annual general meeting, PRO Lecture Room, 5.30 p.m.

COURT CONFISCATES \$3,000 IN GOLD BARS

"The law says that I must confiscate. It is with considerable regret that I order the confiscation of the gold," said Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Before the court was Woo Hung, a 62-year-old Chinese resident of Canada, charged by Revenue Inspector D. H. Knox with exporting two bars of gold weighing about 10 taels and valued at \$3,000, on December 5.

Speaking in English, defendant said, "Judge, I came back from Canada with my son some time ago. We went to Canton, and whilst there my son took seriously ill and had to go to hospital. I had to borrow money to try and save my son. His doctor's bills and hospital expenses were great. My friends could not lend me National Currency, so they lent me gold. I promised to pay back in six months.

"Unfortunately, my son could not be saved. But I had to pay back the gold I borrowed. I did not know that it was against the law to bring the gold out of the Colony."

According to RI Knox, accused had passed through the Chinese Customs barrier at the Kowloon-Canton Railway station when he was stopped by RI 316 who asked defendant whether he had any gold. Woo replied in the negative, was searched, and found in possession of the two bars of gold which were "led to his waist."

Could Convert Gold

Woo, said RI Knox, had between \$15,000 and \$20,000 in \$500-notes, Hong Kong currency, hidden in between his shoes. If accused had wanted he could have converted the gold into Hong Kong notes and brought them up with the other money he had.

Asked by the court whether he wanted an adjournment of 48 hours to see the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, accused replied, "It is no use. If the law says you must confiscate, you must confiscate."

Mr. Latimer also expressed the court's regrets in the case in which Yuen Chor-hing, aged 38, was charged with exporting six taels of gold on November 28.

Pleading guilty on behalf of his client, Mr. Marcus du Silva said that defendant used to be a tailor here and lost his employment. Unable to make his way, he decided to return to his country where his wife and children are living.

Revenue Inspector D. H. Knox said that accused passed the Chinese Customs barrier at 7.30 a.m. on November 28, and was asked whether he had any gold to declare. He replied in the negative.

Mock Strife Hits Colony

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Brigadier Deberg-Morris is in charge of the Army side. Commodore Robertson is in charge of the Navy side. Air Commodore Davies is in charge of the Royal Air Force side and Mr. Mackintosh, Police Commissioner, in charge of Police operations.

Separate Exercises

Colonel Alexander told Press representatives that the three Services had carried out separate exercises previously. He said that the training had reached a stage where it can be combined and co-ordinated with the civil defence organisations.

He said that the first object of the current "Exercise Futum" is to make sure that the security measures in the Colony are satisfactory—protection of essential installations in support of the police.

The second object is to practice supplying troops, operating in the New Territories, by air and sea. During the exercises certain roads will be "demolished" by the "enemy."

Colonel Alexander added that an opportunity has also been taken to combine the Services' and police wireless network—in previous tests the police always stage out on top.

The first stage of "Exercise Futum" deals with internal security. This is expected to be completed in two days.

The next phase will deal with operations against "bandits" in the New Territories.

Four days have been set aside for the completion of the whole exercise. It may last longer depending on the operations by the "enemy."

Kowloon Riots

A "serious disturbance" broke out at Peiho Street, Shamshuipo, at 9.44 a.m. yesterday, but was

to pay Mr. Silva's costs. Mr. Silva explained that he was not charging any money for the case, as defendant was known to him. Defence counsel urged the court to order the return of the bullion to accused. On the magistrate stating that there was no alternative but to order the confiscation, Mr. Silva applied for the return of one more bar so that Yuen might have sufficient funds to pay for his passage.

Ordering the confiscation of five bars, the court expressed its regrets that, under the Ordinance, it could not accede to the defendant's request, and recommended that the question be taken up with Mr. Himsworth.

quelled by the police and military after an hour's fight with the "rioters."

Shortly after 9 a.m. information was received by the Shamshuipo police that a large band of "rioters" was on its way to the Peiho Street market, with the object of starting a riot.

Divisional Superintendent Wright-Noth mobilised his men. A Riot Squad, armed with batons and wicker shields and carrying large "Diagnose or we fire" signs, under Sub-inspector Holmes, was included in the force which left the station under DS Wright-Noth and Chief Inspector F. J. Clarke.

On arrival at the junction of Peiho and Tai Nam streets, the police were posted at strategic positions to check the escape of the rioters who were there in force.

In the ensuing "battle" the rioters were pushed up Peiho Street to Taiipo Road. In response to the messages sent out by the Patrol cars, the military rushed to the scene of the disturbance and took over from the civil defenders.

Cut Off Escape

The police cordoned off part of Peiho Street and Tai Nam Street, while the Emergency Unit, under Inspector Channing, cut off the rioters' escape at Klung Street North of Peiho Street.

The rioters turned South of Peiho Street, and dispersed, with the army men tearing across Peiho Street in pursuit. With the situation cleared, the military handed back control to the police.

From early morning, Kowloon presented a war-like appearance with military lorries, loaded with men armed with Sten and sub-machine guns and in full battle dress, rushing across the streets. Looked at steel-helmeted police were also seen on the roads.

All police stations were guarded by armed sentries. The compound of Police Headquarters was full of military trucks of all descriptions, while soldiers were standing-by.

The Mobile Section of the Royal Signals had personnel racing along the roads with messages for various sectors.

The whole of the Kowloon police force was mobilised, and even the two Court Inspectors at the Kowloon Magistracy were equipped with steel helmets and gas masks.

SOLD FALSELY

MARKED GOODS

Charged with aiding and abetting Lin Chien, now in custody, to commit a crime and with selling goods under a false trade mark, Ling Yui was yesterday sentenced to a fine of HK\$250 or two months on each of the two charges, the sentences to be consecutive, by Mr. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

On November 20 defendant sold five glass bottles of ink to Yut Fat Stationery by using a false label.

One Fire Not Enough?



Razed by a fire on November 29, the squatter camp on the site, Hollywood Road, is being rapidly rebuilt. The "Southern" picture above is today almost fully occupied by heavily-erected buildings. Despite the death of one infant and serious injury to four adults in the fire, precautions against a similar outbreak.—("China Mail" Photo).

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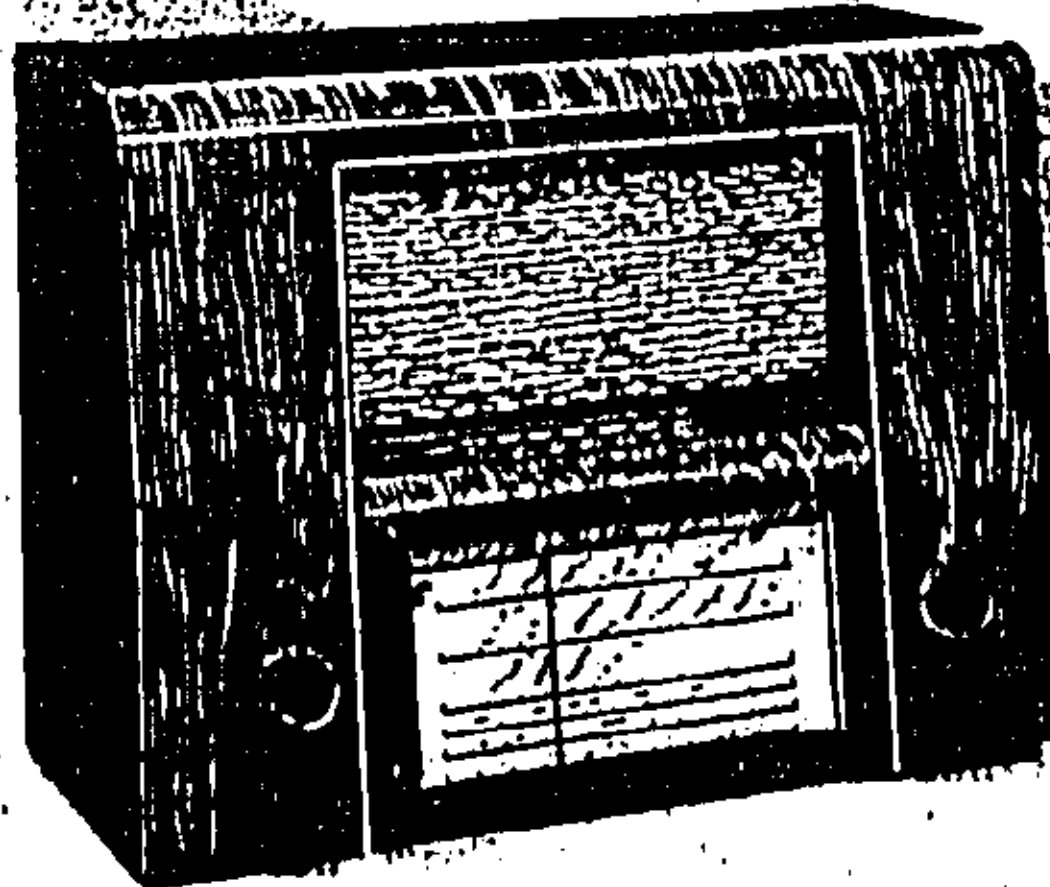
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IMMIGRANTS BRUSH ASIDE CHINA'S WAR

Neither the war nor the impending starvation enveloping China today have deterred 552 Chinese immigrants, comprising about 80 families, from returning to their native villages in East Kwangtung Province.

Bound by traditional filial piety, these immigrants, including 200 children, arrived yesterday by the French steamer St. Nazaire from French-controlled Papeete, capital of Tahiti, to carry on the work of their forefathers.

Most of them will leave the Colony by train for Meihsten and Weichow, principal Hakka towns, during this week. Some are flying to Canton, from where they will seek land conveyance to their villages. Occupied with their respective work in Tahiti and immersed in their own local welfare, these people had heard very little of the Nationalist-Communist struggles of the impending starvation

threatening China. Many had sold their entire properties or business to return to China. When approached by a "China Mail" reporter about China and her ill, the majority brushed aside "such morbid talk," remarking that they were taking over properties inherited or returning to carry on their forefathers' work.

"We are not interested in the war nor the Red threat," a French-speaking teen-ager said. "Tahiti is a land of paradise. You can have everything you want—food, work and happiness. But it cannot be helped. My pop says go home, and here we are."

Agod Parents

Among the immigrants, who travelled as deck passengers, were a number of aged parents. One septuagenarian had to be shouldered over the gangplank by two relatives.

A family of 10, including three babies, took two motor launches to cross the harbour to seek accommodation on the island. They brought practically their entire household paraphernalia, including babies' aluminium bathtubs. They are seeing Hong Kong for the first time—from grandfather to grandson.

Most of the immigrants have never been out of Tahiti since they left China years ago. Hailing from the Hakka villages in East Kwangtung Province, they speak only French, besides their community dialect. Very few speak English, and when they did it was in pidgin-Americon, with the characteristic "No savvy" or "OK."

A considerable number of the Chinese domiciled at Tahiti have inter-married, and many of the arrivals bear traces of the prevailing practice. Most of the girls are dark-skinned and look more Polynesian than Chinese. The men, however, retain their racial characteristics.

Conspicuous among the women was a tall pure Tahitian woman, who had married a Chinese. Speaking French, she said she was following her spouse to pay the customary respects to her in-laws in China. "It all depends whether we will return to Papeete or not," said the islander, holding her brunette-haired baby.

The French steamer St. Nazaire is making her first appearance in local waters. She was formerly on the South Pacific run. Messageries Maritimes is her owner.

Last year several hundred Tahitian Chinese immigrants were brought here by the French steamer Ville Strassbourg.

Most of the immigrants have passports. Some have travelling documents issued by the Chinese Consulate at Tahiti.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

Food and Fuel Costs issued by the Labour Office for the week ended December 4, 1948:

Rice and Flour	7.2 cwt. HK\$1.8700
Vegetables	1.0
Salt Cabbage	1.4200
Oil	1.4840
Tee	2.9400
Salt Fish	3.8010
Pork	4.4
Beef	3.8770
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GOING HOME



Neither war nor starvation threat could prevent these Chinese immigrants from Tahiti, from returning to their native villages. The 552 immigrants, including 200 children, arrived here yesterday by the French steamer St. Nazaire. Seen above are some disembarking at Kowloon Wharf. ("China Mail" Photo)

LARGE CARGO GIVES VARIED SELECTION

Nearly 40,000 tons of cargo, including safety cartridges, rice, rubber, acid, timber, coal, salt and iron work, were brought to Hong Kong by several ships yesterday arriving from the Straits, India and Amoy.

The British steamer Eurymedon (Butterfield and Swire), now lying in the Dangerous Goods Area, carried 10 tons of blank ammunition and acid for a local firm, which the company did not identify. She had also 2,175 tons of iron work and general cargo.

The Eurymedon had no passengers. The master, Mr. J. MacPhee, reported a meeting rough seas en route from Singapore. The vessel came from the United Kingdom.

Arriving from Colombo via the Straits, the Greek motor vessel Alexandros Koryzis brought 10,000 tons of salt in transit. She is leaving for Japan early today. The vessel has no passengers. The master reported good weather en route.

The Chinese steamer Hai Huang, which also had good sailing from Bangkok, is carrying 9,000 tons of rice for Shanghai, for which she will leave tomorrow. The China Merchants Navigation Steamship Company, owners of the vessel which calls here for bunkering, said they had no knowledge whether the rice was Government cargo.

Another ship brought 2,181 tons of rice and general cargo from Belawan via Hoihow, the Heinrich Jensen. The Butterfield and Swire vessel carried 814 deck passengers, four Europeans and five cabin class Asiatic passengers.

The Chinese passengers are immigrants from the East Indies and Malaya, returning to their native villages. Many had sold their properties and business and are retiring on their life-savings to Kwangtung Province.

About 8,000 tons of coal arrived here from Calcutta via Singapore by the British steamer Edenbank, which reported encountering bad weather en route from the Straits. She had no passengers.

After battling stormy monsoon seas en route from the Straits, the British steamer Yachow brought 700 tons of rubber, soap and coconut oil for the Colony and 500 tons of rubber in transit. She had 148 deck passengers.

The ss. Maussang brought 3,200 tons of firewood, timber and general cargo from Sandakan and 90

CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and but no means necessarily agrees with them.

Leighton Hill Quarters

Sir,—The Specious arguments forwarded by the Director of Public Works in defence of the cost of Leighton Hill Quarters, for the housing of the Municipal Council until 1951, and nothing will serve to underline the indignation of the public will only serve to add fuel to the flames for many of the points which he attempts to make are so utterly absurd that one can only imagine that the report was prepared with that "tongue-in-the-cheek" attitude which is all too often the refuge of local Government servants when answering public criticism. If the report was written in good faith, one can only say that it reflects little credit upon a highly-placed, and highly paid, public official.

Your exceedingly able editorial of Friday last has covered the technical side of the discussion very competently and leaves little more to be said. There are, however, one or two points which will have been made the subject of supplementary questions by the Unofficial Members of the Council.

The Director of Public Works in his report has stated that "the figures published do not include the value of the land upon which the flats are to be built but has not to pay for that and land values are never taken into consideration in calculating building costs." This statement is patently absurd if in true computation of the total value of the building is to be arrived at but if it is the intention of the Hon. D. P. W. to convey the impression that he is concerned with only "construction" costs his statement can be allowed to pass. The fact remains that the report once more evades the issue at stake, which is not that Leighton Hill Quarters could have been built for less but that suitable alternative accommodation could have been provided for less than half the sum expended upon this particular building.

But, to pursue the Hon. D. P. W.'s contention, that "the taxpayer does not have to pay for the land" to his logical conclusion; Government servants are taxpayers and if public land is to be utilised without charge for the construction of buildings for their occupation, then each and every bona fide resident of the Colony who is prepared to construct a dwelling for his own use is entitled to demand the requisite land free of charge, or at the most, at a nominal rental. Is Government prepared to approve applications on these terms? I think not, for despite Government's statement that land would be made available at preferential rates to intending home-builders, experience has shown that even a request for information as to the manner in which a Private Treaty for this purpose may be concluded, has so far, been ignored.

Early this year, the Salaries Commission in its Report stressed the need for an efficiency expert to investigate the working of, and make recommendations for the improvement of, Government departments. What has happened to this individual? Can it be that our "obedient servants" consider themselves so perfect that they are unable to find a man competent to advise them? If so, let them distribute themselves for any business man in the Colony would stand aghast at the inefficient and archaic methods now in use and the time-wasted in dealing with enquiries such as that mentioned above, delays which would ruin any firm, if it has not been possible to find a suitable man for this post, I suggest that Government co-opt a panel of local business men to undertake the task.

TRADE FAIR WILL BE MAJOR EFFORT

The forthcoming exhibition of Hong Kong and China products, of 1948, sponsored by the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers' Union, promises to be one of the biggest trade fairs in the history of the Colony.

The exhibition will be held on the vacant piece of ground opposite the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, on which work has been proceeding since during the last week on the erection of the stalls, of which there will be 272.

Exhibits of every kind, representing the products of Hong Kong, Canton and Shanghai factories, will be on display. In addition there will be side-shows and refreshment booths to provide amusement for visitors.

The exhibition will be opened by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, at 4 p.m. on December 10, and will remain open daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. until January 2.

The last pre-war trade exhibition, also sponsored by the Chinese Manufacturers' Union, was held on the same site in 1940, when about 200 stalls were occupied.

Donations

The Treasurer of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association and the Shanghai Club thanks the following for their donations:

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NOTICE IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS of AARON LANDAU late of Jimmy's Kitchen, China Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, Restaurant Keeper, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 17th day of December, 1948.

ALL creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

DEACONS,
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Prince's Building,
Hong Kong.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Members are reminded that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hong Kong and China Branch of the British Medical Association will be held at 8.15 p.m. on the evening of Friday, December 10th, 1948, in the Cafe Wiseman.

The meeting will be preceded by a dinner.

Will all those who wish to attend please ring the Hon. Secretary at 28054, if they have not already done so.

It is particularly requested that all members of the British Medical Association resident within the area of the Hong Kong and China Branch will get into touch with the Secretary if they have not already received postal notice of this meeting, as such an omission indicates that their names are not upon the rolls.

D. W. GOULD,
Honorary Secretary,
Hong Kong University.

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Entries close at NOON on WEDNESDAY, 8th December, 1948.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, Dec. 2, 1948.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG CLUB

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of the Hong Kong Club will be held at the Club House at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday the 14th day of December 1948.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE
K. W. KIRBY
Secretary

POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Jardine's Bazaar on Pennington Street to West side of Soojunpoo Market will be closed to vehicular traffic from 8 a.m. on December 8, 1948, until repairs to Storm drains are completed.

Commissioner of Police,
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Naval Store Officer.

Luncheon For Wah Yan "Old Boys"

Wah Yan Past Students held their first monthly luncheon at the Catholic Club, King's Building, on Saturday.

More than 130 "Old Boys" were present. The guest of Honour, Very Rev. T. F. Ryan S. J. spoke of the continuity which the College maintained in spite of re-organizational changes of Headquarters.

In spite of these changes there was continuity of policy, of effort and of growth. Moreover, that effort would continue until there was a Wah Yan College in Kowloon and in Hong Kong possessing premises and teaching staffs second to none in the Colony.

Fr. A. Cooney, addressing the "Old Boys," referred to Mr. Ko Fook-sun's inauguration of "WYPSA Day." He expressed the hope that the end of the enjoyable gathering would not mean "Goodbye," but "Pardon me—for a month!"

Next "WYPSA Day" would be very early in January. Even increasing attendance at all functions of the Association was an ideal continuously to be aimed at.

On Saturday, Wah Yan College itself was the scene of a very enjoyable party when Wah Yan Catholic School and its friends held their usual dinner. More than 100 persons were present.

Maiden Voyage For New Tanker

The tanker Stanvac Hong Kong, one of five T-2 type tankers recently acquired by Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, is arriving here tomorrow on her maiden voyage.

A reception will be held aboard the new tanker when Mrs. J. Jolly, wife of the Director of Marine, will present a photograph of the panoramic view of Hong Kong to the master, Captain Stephen Paulding.

The acquisition of the Stanvac Hong Kong brings the total of owned and chartered vessels of the company to more than 1,500,000 deadweight tons.

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Radio In The Stocks

A discussion called Forum on Radio, sponsored by the Debating-Discussion Group of the European YMCA, will take place on Wednesday at 8.30 p.m. at the YMCA.

At the meeting, the subject, "Radio, Past, Present and Future," will be thoroughly debated by its detractors and supporters. The discussion will be led by Mr. D. Keith Hardy, Programme Director of Radio Hong Kong. He will be supported or criticised by Mr. Leonard Starbuck, Mrs. Linda Cater and a third person whose name has been withheld until the last moment to provide a surprise.

The Forum expects questions from the public and will try to answer all. Visitors will be welcome at the discussion.

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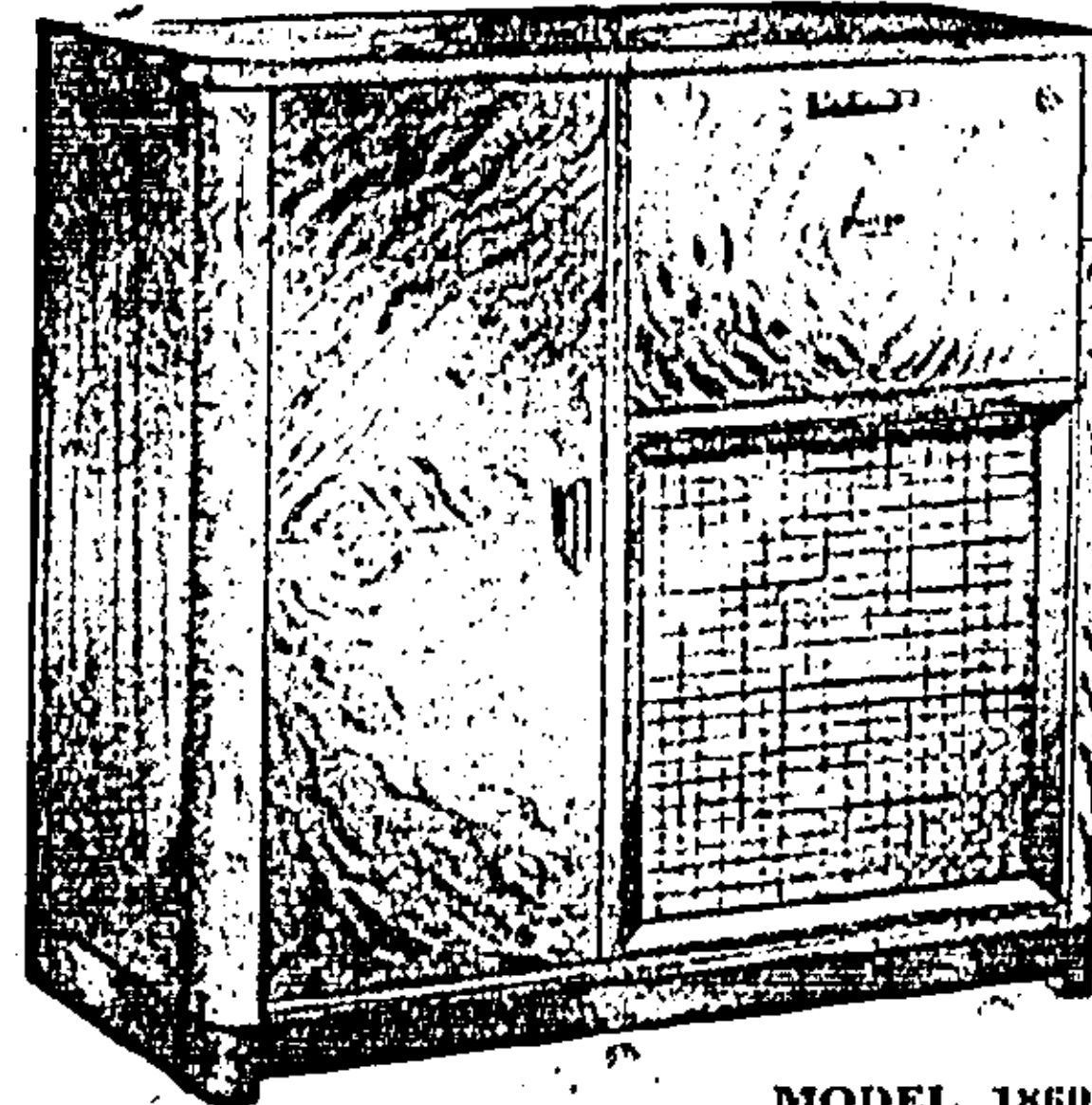
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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

KEEP EYES ON THE GOAL. YOUR OBJECTIVE in rubber bridge is not just to take any trick you can whenever the opportunity arises. It is to take a certain total number of tricks which will make the contract if you are the declarer, or beat it if you are a defender. Beginning from the premature scoring of a particular trick may be vital to the collecting of the total which happens to be your goal.

S A 10
H 10 5 4
D J 10 9 8 5 3
C J 10

S J 8 6 5
H 8 6 3
D 7 6 4
C 6 5 2

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable).
NT West North East
NT NT 2 NT Pass

West naturally opened the heart K, which South won with the A. Seeing that his contract depended on bringing in the diamonds, the declarer promptly up to the Q, which the holder of the A would hold it up. If that occurred the next diamond lead could clear the suit, while the spade A remained as a dummy entry.

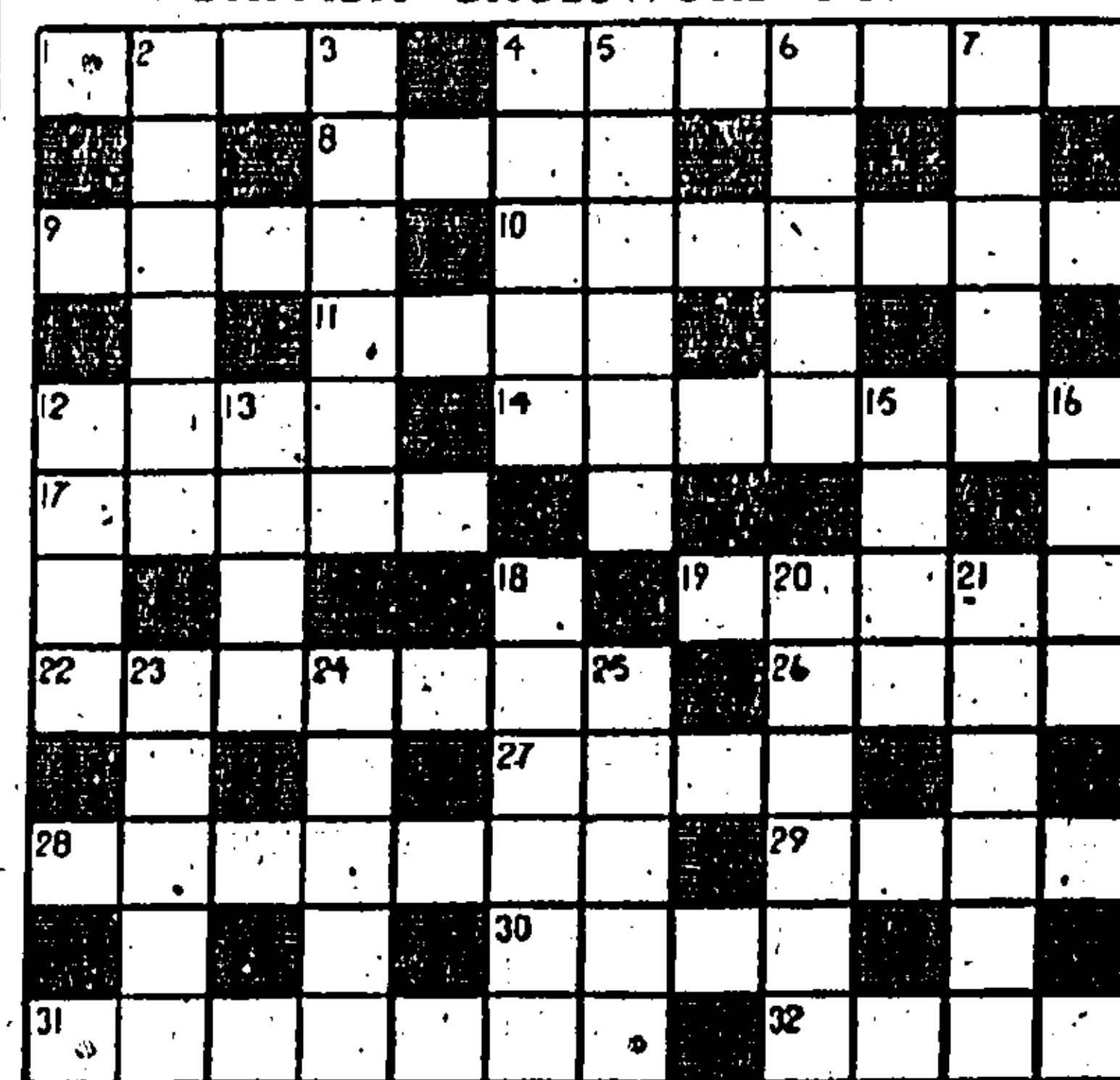
But in the West was Able Abe Sperber, famous as the winner of Sidney Lenz's great national problem contest some years ago. He saw what South was up to, so came right in with the A and scored his heart J and Q to have three tricks. Realizing that South might have no diamonds left except the K, he wisely refrained from taking his heart trickener at this stage. Scoring that card would have enabled South to discard the blocking diamond K.

Mr. Sperber instead ruined the dummy with a beautiful Deschanel coup by leading the spade K. That left the blocking diamond K with South, so that the declarer could only try the club finesse. When the Q won it, Mr. Sperber cashed the setting heart 2.

No matter what South tried after the spade K lead, he had no chance for the contract. It will be seen, however, that if South had held both the spade Q and J he could have made it even against the coup. But Mr. Sperber realised that with South's strong bidding and his own big hand, there was still a chance that East could have one of the secondary spade honours, as he did.

Your Week-end Question
What two entirely different kinds of information are given you when your partner doubles a low suit bid by the opponents on a deal in which they eventually land in a higher contract of another suit?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Shape. 19 Horrify. 2 Severe trial. 16 Sediment.
4 Daffled. 22 Piece of. 3 Club. 18 Rigorous.
8 Initiated. 26 Furniture. 4 Exclude. 20 Attractive.
9 Object of. 26 Repose. 5 Beau. 21 Attack.
10 Worship. 27 Wicked. 6 Ventured. 23 Drive back.
11 Rude. 28 Reclined. 7 Result. 24 Brief.
12 Lend. 29 Snare. 12 Remit. 25 Additional.
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Yesterday's Crossword.
ACROSS—1 System, 5 Tenor, 1 Relax, 9 Absurd, 10 Poker, 11 Sited, 12 Tier, 13 Ruses, 16 Attest, 18 Spread, 20 Seers, 22 Gram, 23 Tapioca, 19 Praise, 21 Elope, 24 Aero, 25 Robia, 26 Owners, 27 Ewer.

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Grenade Thrown At Police

Cairo, December 5. Six policemen were wounded when a hand grenade was thrown into a police lorry during rioting by students in the Ras El Tine harbour quarter of Alexandria today. Some arrests were made.

The Ministry of the Interior said tonight that an enquiry had shown that students accused of instigating the outbreak in Cairo yesterday belonged to the Muslim Brotherhood (an Egyptian Nationalist organisation) and other organisations.

The Ministry said only one person, an assistant in the Faculty of Medicine, was killed yesterday besides the Police Commandant, Selim Zaki Pasha. Previous reports had said two policemen were also killed.

The communiqué said that over a 100 students, eight police officers and 43 policemen were injured.

Universities in both Cairo and Alexandria were heavily guarded and strict measures have been taken in both cities for the maintenance of order. —Reuter.

HOFMEYR BURIED

Providence, December 5. Jan Hofmeyr, former deputy Prime Minister of South Africa, who died on Friday, was buried today in the presence of several thousands. Several Cabinet and Government Ministers attended. —Reuter.

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Aneta, the Dutch news agency, reported that troops fought with Indonesian terrorists about 30 miles South of Batavia.

Meanwhile, the Dutch Cabinet delegation left for Holland and the Republican Premier, Dr. Mohammad Hatta, returned to his capital, Jogjakarta, from the abortive discussions.

The Republican Radio from Jogjakarta reported that the United Nations Good Offices Committee would soon transfer its headquarters from Batavia to Kalining, near Jogjakarta, to facilitate new efforts to solve the three-year-old political dispute.

The talks between Dr. Hatta and the Dutch broke down on all points, the most important of which was the question of joint control of Dutch and Indonesian forces proposed by Dr. Hatta.

Dr. Hatta wanted an Indonesian commander-in-chief while the Dutch maintained that final authority should rest with the Dutch High Commissioner, during the administration of a proposed Federal interim Government next year.

"Police Actions?" During earlier informal discussions, the Dutch delegation were believed to have requested the evacuation of guerilla pockets in Dutch-held West Java and a withdrawal of Republican forces to the Republican side of the Security Council's status quo line, before the resumption of formal negotiations.

Dr. Hatta was understood at that time to maintain that the military situation in the Dutch-held areas of Java could only improve when a political settlement was reached.

At last night's meeting, Dr. Hatta was believed to have offered to fulfill the Dutch conditions if they also agreed to take the same action.

After the deadlock, observers here believed a new debate on Indonesian might be precipitated before the end of the present General Assembly of the United Nations in Paris, that the Dutch might form a new Federal Government without the Republican side, or the Dutch might start new police action as a result of their charges of deteriorations in the truce. —Reuter.

Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 71 metre band.

H.K.T.

12.15 p.m. Religious Talk to Children.

12.30 p.m. Daily Programme Summary.

1.30 p.m. Light Variety with Lou Pinner and His Orchestra.

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2.00 p.m. Interlude.

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Lone Hand Play Bound To Lose

Heidelberg, December 5. Professor Francis B. Sayre, United States delegate to the United Nations Trusteeship Committee, in a guest lecture at Heidelberg University tonight said the Russian Government must sooner or later recognise and accept the international responsibilities of the Twentieth Century or fall. Mr. Sayre said the 19th-Century concepts of absolute national sovereignty must give way to global solutions for global problems if Western civilisation is to survive. He added: "The nation which plays a lone hand for the stakes of selfish power is bound to lose in the 20th-Century world." —Reuter.

Might Have Been Saved

Hull, December 5. Eleven Hull fishermen who died when the trawler Sargor was wrecked in a blizzard in an Iceland fjord last Wednesday night might have been saved seven hours earlier, according to a message from the rescue squad received here today.

The message contained notes from a letter written by the six survivors and from another from the rescuers saying that five hours after the distress signals had been seen, the squad reached the shore with their equipment and an hour later were lucky to get a line aboard.

The crew then lit a fire in the wheelhouse, added the letter, but did not see the line, and the men on shore could not attract their attention though they tried their best.

The night was very dark and the weather very bad. The six survivors were rescued by breeches buoy seven hours later when the squad got a second line aboard at low tide. —Reuter.

RUSSIAN AGENTS GOT THE DOPE

Washington, December 6.

Communist agents got all or most of the secret information recorded on microfilms from State Department papers.

This was stated today by Representative Karl E. Mundt, acting chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The microfilms were found hidden in metal tubes in a hollowed-out pumpkin on the Maryland farm belonging to Whittaker Chambers, self-confessed ex-Communist and now a senior editor of Time magazine.

The first task of the Un-American Activities Committee when it meets in Washington on Tuesday would be to find out how far the secret data went after it was removed from State Department files, Mr. Mundt said.

Mr. Mundt told reporters that if some of the microfilm documents had been placed side by side with the coded originals, it would have enabled the United States to be cracked.

Mr. Mundt described the documents as highly secret and vital to national security.

They were removed from the State Department and turned over to Mr. Whittaker Chambers for the purpose of transmission to Russian Communist agents, he said. —Reuter.

Chances Of A Woman Becoming U.S. President

Washington, December 5. Will a woman ever become President of the United States. It is possible, President Truman told a group of Women Convention delegates to Washington recently. The question pops up almost every election year. Yet so far only two women in the history of the country have been nominated for the job.

In 1872 and 1884 there were women candidates, although most women still could not vote.

Mrs. Victoria Woodhull, sometimes called the "terrible siren," was the first woman candidate for President. She was nominated by the People's Party in 1872 and campaigned for equal rights and a single moral standard. She did not make much headway.

Once a speculator in Wall Street, Mrs. Woodhull later became proprietor with her sister, of a weekly magazine.

It was "Woodhull and Cuffin Weekly" which the Columbia Encyclopedia describes as a "sensational journal which supported among other reforms, women's suffrage." In 1884 Mrs. Belva Ann Lockwood of Washington was nominated by the equal rights party as its standard bearer at its convention in San Francisco.

James G. Blaine and John A. Logan had been selected by the Republican Party. The Democrats chose Grover Cleveland and Thomas A. Hendricks.

At the conventions of the two big parties strenuous efforts had been made by the women for inclusion in the platforms of the country, but it fell upon deaf ears. Mrs. Lockwood, never a quitter wrote to the Women's Herald of Industry, published in Washington:

"Why not nominate women for important places? Is not Victoria Empress of India? Have we not among our countrywomen persons of as much talent and ability as the history full of precedents of women rulers?"

If women in the states are not permitted to vote, there is no law against their being voted for and, if elected, filling the highest office in the gift of the people."

Mrs. Lockwood, who was a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, polled more electoral votes in the election of 1884 than

did Alfred M. Landon when he ran for President against Franklin Roosevelt in 1930. Her popular vote however did not exceed a few thousand. —Associated Press.

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THE TWENTY-SIXTH INSTALMENT

CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's
Own Story Of The War
In Europe

I recommended to General Marshall that Fredendall be given command of an army in the United States, where he became a Lieutenant General. General Patton's buoyant leadership and strict insistence upon discipline rapidly rejuvenated the II Corps and brought it up to fighting pitch. Moreover, the troops were now fortified by battle experience and had a much higher appreciation of the value of training, discipline, and speed in action. Our losses in tanks, personnel, and equipment were rapidly made good and all the eastern airfields were again in our possession and occupied by our fighter craft.

Winter conditions of weather and terrain in the desert were much better than those in the north, and the Eighth Army, under General Montgomery, was able to continue its advance to the westward with the purpose of making junction with the right of our forces in Tunisia. It was, however, the American unit was a difficult one and the attack failed. A breakthrough was finally accomplished by British formations, but it was not particularly effective because the Germans had made good their retreat to the northward. General Sir John Crocker, the British commander, severely criticised the failure of the American division, and for almost the only time during the African operations definite British-American recrimination resulted. It was disturbing, the more so because it was so unnecessary. With the help of Alexander, steps were quickly taken to stop it. Nothing creates trouble between allies so often or so easily as unnecessary talk—particularly when it belittles one. A family squabble is always exaggerated beyond its true importance.

Although the outcome of this particular war was disappointing, the rapid retreat of the Germans had the effect of shrinking the circumference of the enemy line, thus pinching out the American II Corps for employment elsewhere on the battle line.

Some discussion arose as to the suitability of the corps for participation in the final battle. Alexander's staff felt that a large portion should be sent back to the Constantine area for additional training. Admittedly some of the troops were still relatively green. However, both Patton and I were confident that the corps was now ready to act aggressively and to take an important sector in the battle line. For one thing the troops were at last angry—not only because of the rough handling they had received, but more so because of insulting and slighting comments concerning the fighting qualities of Americans, originated by German prisoners and given some circulation within the theatre. I had a personal interview with Alexander to insist upon the employment of the entire II Corps, as a unit. For this I had several reasons. In the first place, the bulk of the ground forces required by the Allies to defeat Germany would have to come from the United States. The need for battle training on a large scale was evident. Secondly, in all its prior battles the corps had been compelled to fight in small pockets; never had it had a chance to exert its power as a unit. Thirdly, the morale of the corps had improved markedly since March 1 and it had a right to prove its own effectiveness as well as the quality of American arms.

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BIRTH

THOMPSON—At Queen Mary Hospital, on December 4, 1948, to Caroline, wife of Sub-Inspector E. S. Thompson, a daughter (Caroline Lynda). Both well.

STITCHES IN TIME

The military Services and Police in Hong Kong are devoting this week to "Exercise Fultum"—the handling of a mock state of emergency, pretence riots and fires on the island and the mainland, civil disturbances, strikes, sabotage, roads and bridges demolished, attacks by undisciplined mobs—all have been realistically planned, with a view to combatting the actuality should it occur. The exercise is timely. According to question and answer in the House of Commons, the authorities in Malaya might have been far better able to cope with the Communist uprisings if more forethought had been given to their possible occurrence. This is not to say that we believe—or the military authorities either—that chaos and bloodshed are likely to rend Hong Kong in the near future, but on the other hand, the old proverb about the stitches was never more appropriate. The best informed sources are uncertain of the potential role of the local Communists, and their attitude if and when the Red armies sweep into Kwangtung Province is highly debatable.

In this Colony the feeling of the Chinese population generally is almost certainly favourable towards British rule, but the ability of the Marxists to stir up disaffection, hatred and riot is too well known to need underlining. Experienced observers of the China scene—while admitting that anything is possible—seem to agree that a victorious Communist China will still have to trade with the outside world and obtain supplies, particularly of food and machinery. Soviet Russia, still binding up the ghastly wounds of wartime havoc, has enough on its hands to supply its police-ridden, home population with the minima of livelihood, and to keep from open insurrection the boiling pot of the Balkan satellite states. Not to mention Germany.

Apart from propaganda and a caucus of skilled agitators and whippers-up, the USSR is unlikely to take over the appalling task of rehabilitating and consolidating the vast land mass devastated by three decades of ruinous war. The goods that the China of the future will need are just those which Russia lacks and is herself trying to import. So the fiction that the Chinese Communists are kindly patriots who do not toe the Moscow line is likely to be trumpeted further. Hong Kong may well—after an initial slump—boom more than ever before, provided the new Government can by barter or loans provide the necessary bargaining power.

Although no official pronouncement has been made by Whitehall or the U.K. Embassy in Nanjing, it looks as if British businessmen in the areas menaced by the present fighting are gambling on that possibility, and refusing to evacuate, as the Americans in some centres have been instructed to do. Probably few of them are under any illusion that the Reds will allow capitalism to

A fourth cause was greenness particularly among commanders. The American divisions involved had not had the benefit of the intensive training programmes instituted in the United States following the actual outbreak of the war. They were mainly divisions that had been quickly shipped to the United Kingdom, and since transport facilities had not yet acquired this later efficiency they had been separated from their organic equipment for long periods. Training, during a major part of 1942, was for them a practical impossibility. Commanders and troops showed the effects of this, and although there was no lack of gallantry and fortitude, their initial effectiveness did not compare with that of the American divisions later brought into action after a full year's intensive training.

These lessons were dearly bought, but they were valuable. Eventually the cost was reduced since most of our personnel losses were in prisoners, whom we largely recovered at the end of the war. We suffered casualties in personnel and equipment, but by the time the enemy had succeeded in retreating to his former positions his losses in both categories were equal to ours. American losses from February 14 to 23 were 192 killed, 2624 wounded, 2459 prisoners and missing.

The week of the hostile offensive was a wearing and anxious one. Whenever the initiative is lost to the enemy there is bound to be a short time, begin a series of sly local attacks against the British First Army in the North. All through March this bitter battling continued, the German attempting to deepen and strengthen his defensive zone covering Tunis and Bizerte, the British trying to hold and regain positions favouring a final smashing offensive. The incessant fighting and the length of the front, to be covered by depleted formations finally compelled Alexander to use a part of the U.S. 1st Division to help the First Army. However, the German attacks were largely frontal and held no danger of the enemy's achieving any momentous advantage. This certainly permitted us to resume the process of sorting and reorganising our battle lines, improving our administration, and other measures preparing for a major offensive as soon as weather conditions should be favourable.

From the close of the Kasserine battle our position steadily improved in a number of ways. First, as a result of the defeat, the American II Corps of four divisions was finally concentrated in the Tebessa region. There it could form a solid link between the Allied forces in Northern Tunisia and the advancing Eighth Army, coming from the desert. Troops, commanders, and staffs gained a vast measure of battle wisdom that remained with them always.

Moreover, as a result of splendid action in Washington, an extra shipment of 5400 trucks had been brought into the theatre. This shipment immeasurably improved our transport and supply situation and had a profound effect in all later operations. It was accomplished under circumstances that should give pause to those people who picture the War and Navy Departments as being bogged down by a tangle of red tape. The shipment demanded a special convoy at a time when both merchant shipping and escort vessels were at a premium. General Somervell happened to be visiting my headquarters and I explained to him our urgent need for this equipment. He said he could be looking it out of American ports within three days, providing the Navy Department could furnish the escorts. I sent a query to Admiral King, then in Casablanca, and within a matter of hours had from him a simple "Yes." The trucks began arriving in Africa in less than three weeks after I made my initial request.

General Somervell was still at my headquarters when the message came from the War Department that the last of the trucks had been shipped. The telegram from Somervell's assistant, Major General Wilhelm D. Styer, eloquently told the story of unending

flourish any longer than suits their purpose—as Moscow temporarily revived private enterprise in the early 'twenties—but they believe that the breathing space will enable them to finish their lifetime of work in China and retire in good order. Nevertheless, vast social changes following the aftermath of war are not unaccompanied by unrest, and the decision of Hong Kong's military authorities to stage the current exercises is encouraging to those of us who wonder what the future will bring.

ing hours of intensive work to arrange this emergency shipment. In a plaintive final sentence it said, "If you should happen to want the Pentagon shipped over there, please try to give us about a week's notice."

The tremendous value of this shipment appeared in our increased ability to supply the needs of the battle front and even more in our ability to transport troops rapidly from one portion of the front to another. The later move of the entire U. S. II Corps from the Tebessa region to northern Tunisia would have been completely impossible without the presence of these additional trucks. At the same time our railway engineers, under the leadership of Brigadier General Carl Gray, were working miracles in improving the desert French line leading to the front. When we went into North Africa the maximum of 900 tons of supplies, by introducing Yankee energy and modern American methods of operation Gray increased the daily tonnage to 3000, and this before he received a single extra engine or boxcar from the United States.

Another particularly pleasing development was the steadily growing strength and efficiency of our air forces, and the construction of suitable operating fields and bases. Still another was the speed with which the British forces in the desert opened up and began using the port

in Tripoli, only recently captured. We now had definite assurance that the advance of the Eighth Army would not be stopped, as it had been so often stopped before, by lack of supplies.

A final advantage that accrued to us during this period was opportunity for establishing our whole system of command on a sound and permanent basis in accordance with the arrangements made at Casablanca. All air forces were integrated under Air Chief Marshal Tedder, with General Spang as his deputy; the ground command on the Tunisian front was placed under General Alexander. The latter, freed from the necessity of commanding also a single army, the handicap under which General Anderson laboured, was able to devote his entire attention to daily tactical co-ordination.

Just after the first of March, I replaced Fredendall with Patton as commander of the II Corps. I had no intention of recommending Fredendall for reduction or of placing the blame for the initial defeat in the Kasserine battle on his shoulders, and so informed myself. Several others, including our work of reverses. But morale in the II Corps was shaken and the troops had to be picked up quickly. For such a job Patton had no superior in the Army, whereas I believed that Fredendall was better suited for a training job in the States than he was for battle leadership.

CANTONESE BY RADIO
BY S.K. LEE

LESSON 2

Tone Practice

Vocabulary:—

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|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 12. (ngoh) ngaw | I. me. |
| 13. (nei) nay | You. |
| 14. (k'ui) kui | He, she, it, him, her. |
| 15. (tei) day | Sign of plural for personal pronouns. |
| 16. (lai) lai | To come. |
| 17. (m) m | Not. The negative. |
| 18. (hui) hui | To go. |

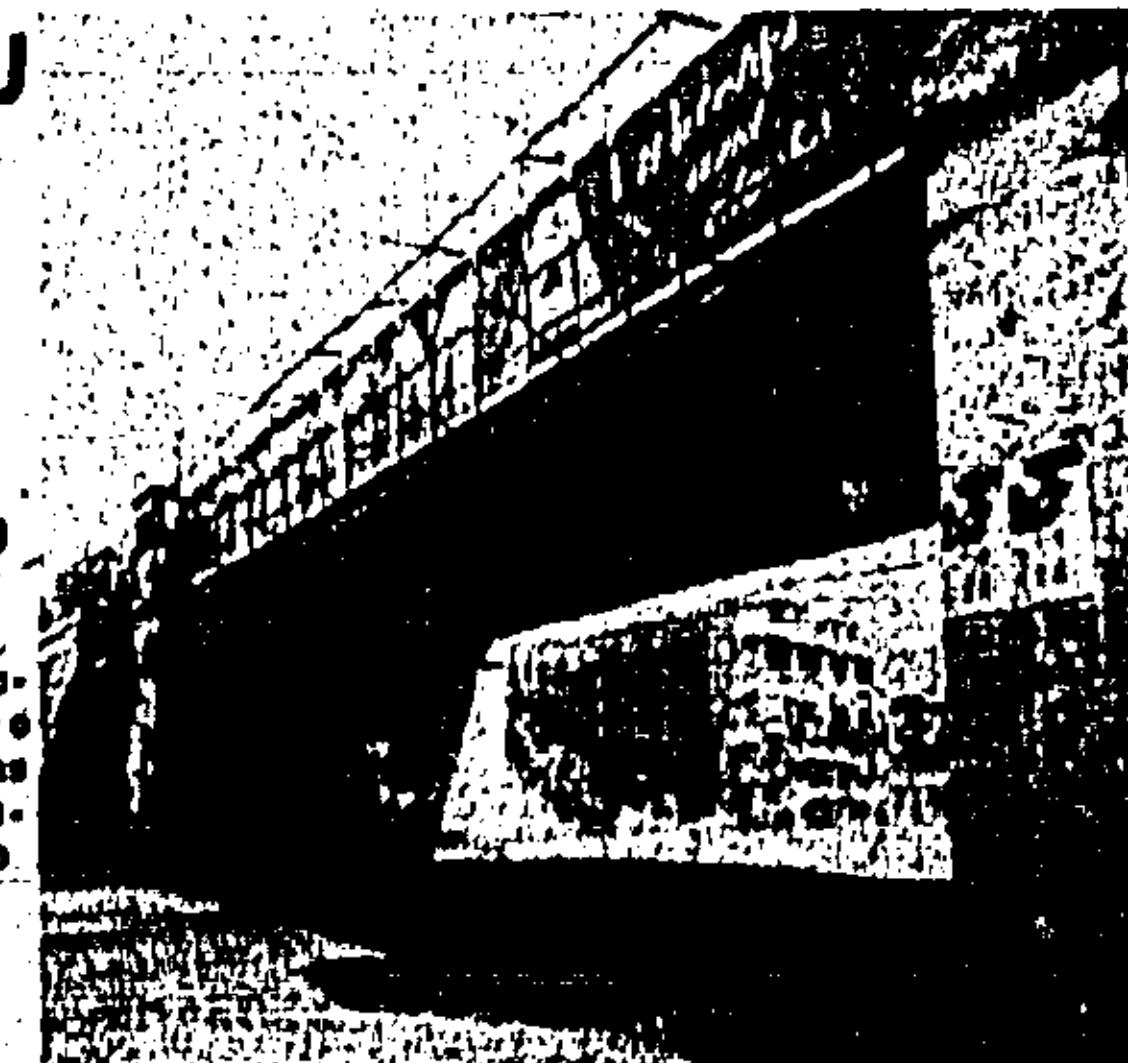
Sentences:—

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| A.1. Lai m lai? | Coming or not? |
| 2. Lai. | Yes. |
| 3. M lai. | No. |
| B.1. Nay lai m lai? | Are you coming? or Will you come? |
| 2. Ngaw lai. | I am coming, or I will come. |
| 3. Ngaw m lai. | I am not coming, or I will not come. |
| C.1. Kui hui m hui? | Is he (or she) going? or Will he (or she) go? |
| 2. Kui hui. | He (or she) is going, or He (or she) will go. |
| 3. Kui m hui. | He (or she) is not going, or He (or she) will not go. |
| D.1. Ngaw lai, kui hui. | I am coming and he (or she) is going. |
| 2. Ngaw m lai, kui m hui. | I am not coming and he (or she) is not going. |
| 3. Ngaw day lai, kui day hui. | We are coming and they are going. |
| 4. Ngaw day m lai, kui day m hui. | We are not coming and they are not going. |

(This lesson will be given over Radio Hong Kong this evening at 8.30).

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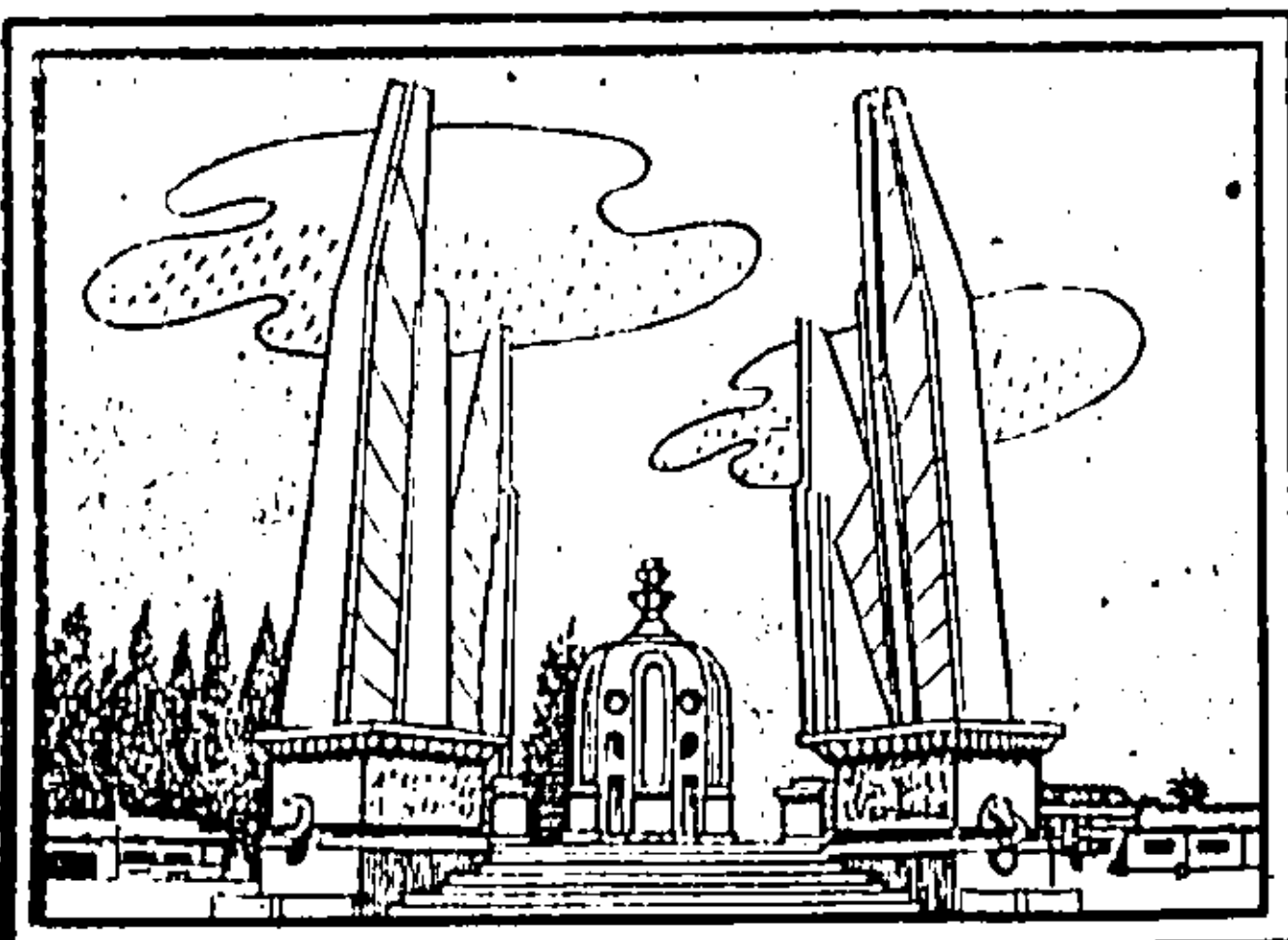
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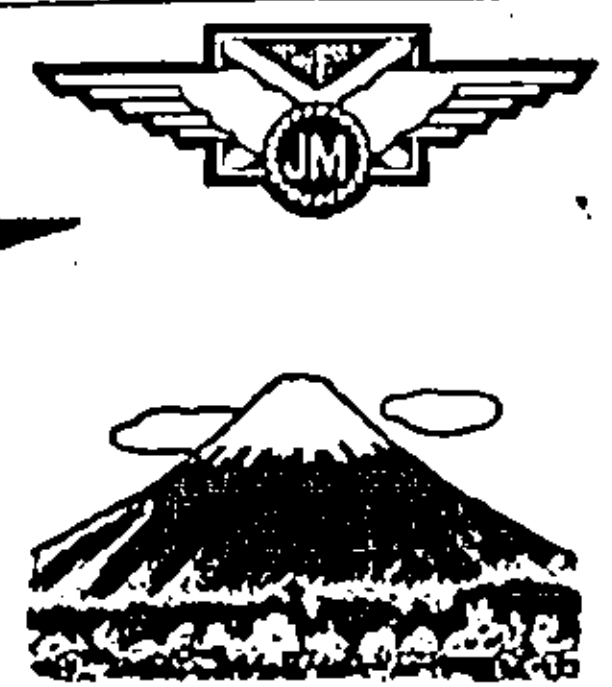
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Arbitrary Action By Russia

Mission "Forlorn Hope"

Washington, December 6. A Republican Senator, Arthur Capper of Kansas, referred to the mission of Madame Chiang Kai-shek as a forlorn hope.

He noted that she is not being received officially by the Government. Her reception is pretty much of an indication of what she may expect, he observed.

There is no question about the Chinese situation being desperate, Mr. Capper said.

The State Department is rather dilatory in handling China and voted by Congress, he continued. Shortly after the vote ended, Mr. Capper said, President Truman sent Mr. George Marshall to China to try to straighten things out.

"Apparently one of the things Mr. Marshall—this was before he became Secretary of State—attempted was to persuade Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to take some of the Communists into his Cabinet, on the theory that these were not really Communists but only Chinese New Dealers."

"Chiang refused, and from that time on, instead of the open door policy for China, the United States has pursued almost a hands off policy in China."

The Communists took advantage of this situation, he said, and pushed affairs in Korea and Manchuria. Associated Press.

SMALLPOX IN BAGUIO

Manila, December 6. Four cases of smallpox, reported in Baguio this week, led to mass vaccinations of the population.

The Health Authorities said private practitioners were urging the Government to administer 2,000 vaccinations per day.

The situation was declared to be under complete control due to precautionary measures. Associated Press.

NEGRO'S MURDER TAKES NEW TURN

Lyons Georgia, December 6. Five men surrendered to county officers today and were held under suspicion of murder in the November 20 killing of Robert Mallard, a negro.

The five men denied any connection with the killing. They surrendered after they said they heard two of them were named as the killers by Amy James Mallard, the negro's widow.

She said a band of robed white men shot her husband.

Mrs. Mallard has refused to return to Lyons to swear out charges against the men for fear she would be lynched. She is under a physician's care in Savannah.

Won't Countenance Berlin Moves

Paris, December 5. Britain, the United States and France warned the world today that they cannot countenance the systematic and arbitrary actions of the Soviet military administration in Berlin. They added that continuation of illegal Soviet actions will end all possibility of establishing a unified, legal city administration in the German capital. The three Western nations said that Russia had succeeded in completing de facto political division of Berlin.

They referred specifically to the Soviet-sponsored puppet government established last Tuesday in the Soviet sector of Berlin.

They made it very clear that only complete and quick reversal of Soviet policies would save Berlin from irreparable division into two cities and avoid a more or less permanent area of dangerous discord between the East and the West.

On the day of the municipal elections in the Western sectors of Berlin, the three Western powers issued their warning in a 2,600-word joint statement which was transmitted informally by information to all members of the United Nations Security Council.

The statement was accompanied by a day-by-day list of 51 incidents which had occurred in Berlin since last June. Most dealt with illegal Soviet actions, which were cited as evidence of the growing and now almost complete impossibility of reaching agreement with the Russians on Berlin.

Door Not Slammed

However, the West did not slam the door on agreement, although they appeared to be admitting that the door to agreement was closed.

The joint statement referred to:

1. The Russian refusal to recognize the validity of today's elections in Berlin.
2. The Soviet establishment of an unconstitutional body with no claim whatever to represent the people of Berlin or even the Soviet sector.

The joint statement concluded: "These developments pose new and grave problems for solution of Berlin's currency difficulties. These new problems have arisen because of interference on the part of the Soviet Union."

Baby Prince's First Outing

London, December 6. Princess Elizabeth's baby son, three weeks old today, had his first outing in mild weather this afternoon. For about half an hour, he was wheeled round the gardens of Buckingham Palace in his perambulator—the same one which Princess Elizabeth used 22 years ago—by his nurse, Sister Helen Rowe. Princess Elizabeth did not go out. —Reuter.

American Friendship For China

London, December 6. The United States Economic Co-operation Administration, Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, said today: "We are doing everything we can to show in a practical way our friendship for the Chinese people."

Mr. Hoffman flew into London from Washington on Sunday to try to save some more Ruhr plants from dismantling. He believes these are needed to work for European recovery.

He will leave on Wednesday for China on a survey of ECA progress.

Asked by a reporter if his visit to China was connected in any way with Madame Chiang Kai-shek's arrival in Washington to seek military and financial aid for the Chinese Government, Mr. Hoffman said: "I am not leaving the United States because of the visit of Madame Chiang Kai-shek." —Associated Press.

Soviet Officials Leaving U.S.

Washington, December 5. Soviet Russia has reduced its official government staff in the United States by over one-fifth during the last three months.

There are only 225 Soviet diplomats and aides in the United States compared with 290 three months earlier. There was a total of 2,300 in 1945 when the United States and Russia were wartime allies. Most officials here at that time were supervising the shipment of billions of dollars worth of United States lend-lease equipment to Russia.

The closing down of the Soviet Consulates in San Francisco and New York City was responsible for about one-half of the current personnel reduction. The rest was due largely to the continued shrinkage in the number of officials here for the purpose of working trade deals.

Exports to Soviet Russia have fallen off drastically during the last nine months as a result of strict controls imposed over the shipments of heavy machinery and other equipment which might be used to build up Russia's war potential.

The overall reduction in the numbers of officials in the United States would have been greater except that about 10 of 44 Consular personnel were transferred to other posts in the United States instead of being ordered home.

The staff of Amtorg, the Soviet trading corporation, was cut drastically. Here are comparative figures:

DEATH ROLL IN CAT CRASH RISES TO 12

Shanghai, December 6. The death roll in the crash of a Central Air Transport plane yesterday has now risen to 12. One of the dead is a foreigner—a Russian who boarded the plane at Hankow.

The plane crashed in flames a mile from the American-occupied Kiangwan airport after overshooting the runway in dense fog.

Included in the dead were the Chinese pilot, the co-pilot and the radio operator. The plane carried a total of 20 passengers and crew. Among the deaths was a baby.

The survivors of the crash have been taken to hospital with minor injuries. Earlier it was believed that the pilot of the plane was an American. The plane was believed to have brought 10 passengers from Chungking via Chungking, Hankow and Nanking.

The plane was one of four attempting to make a ground control landing through the fog at Kiangwan. All the other three landed safely.

Engine Flow Off

The plane flew in too low for a landing and then overshoot the runway when instructed to take altitude, and the left engine flew off, causing the plane to crash about a mile from the airport.

Earlier, six bodies were reported to have been recovered from the burning wreckage of the plane. All were Chinese. Seven persons, sustaining injuries not of a fatal character, were taken to the General Hospital for treatment.

Truman Will Keep Promises

Baltimore, December 5. President Truman has reported his determination to fulfill all his campaign promises, including those on civil rights, according to the Assistant Secretary of Labour, John W. Gibson.

Mr. Gibson also said the new Congress would be asked to increase the number of displaced persons permitted to enter the United States and to minimize discriminatory provisions in the present DP law.

Mr. Gibson termed the President a courageous and effective champion of civil rights and individual freedom.

"He stood firmly on a programme to secure equality of treatment, economic opportunity and political participation for all of our people, regardless of race, colour, creed or national origin, and the American people have endorsed his stand," said Mr. Gibson.

The Assistant Secretary also noted that Mr. Truman had frankly labelled the Displaced Persons Act of 1948 as anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic and failure to meet American responsibilities. —United Press.

ONE EUROPE MOVEMENT

Paris, December 5. The Executive Committee of the European Movement, a newly formed body to set up a European Consultative Assembly, has been asked to send a delegation on Thursday to meet the five-power Inter-Government Committee of European Union. —Reuter.

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The picture shows the KCR Railway Bridge on Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

SHOT BECAUSE OF A KISS

Dalton, Georgia, December 6. Police today arrested a white man on a charge of shooting a negro for allegedly trying to kiss the white man's wife.

The condition of the negro, Richard Bingham, was critical. The white man, Grady King, was released by police under bond. —Associated Press.

MINE DISASTER

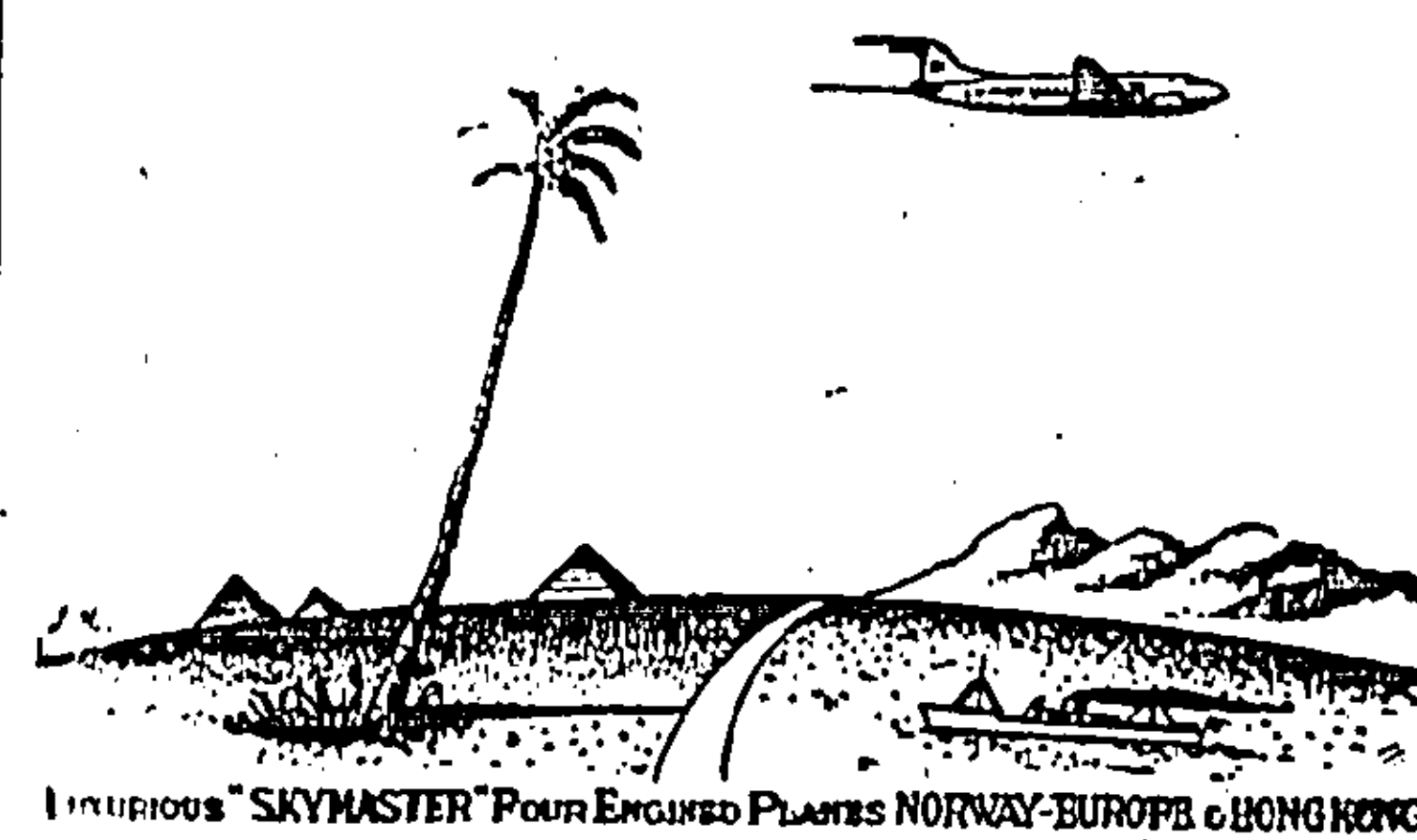
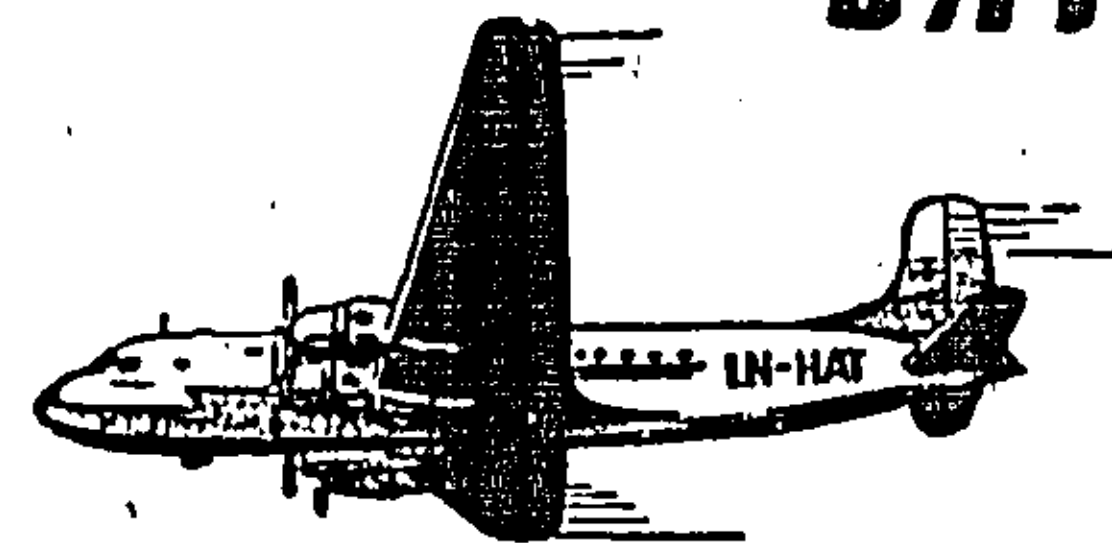
Oslo, December 5. One body was found and 24 men were still missing today, 24 hours after a coal mine explosion at King's Bay, Spitzbergen.

Rescue parties tried to force a way through an old tunnel to the area of the explosion. —Reuter.

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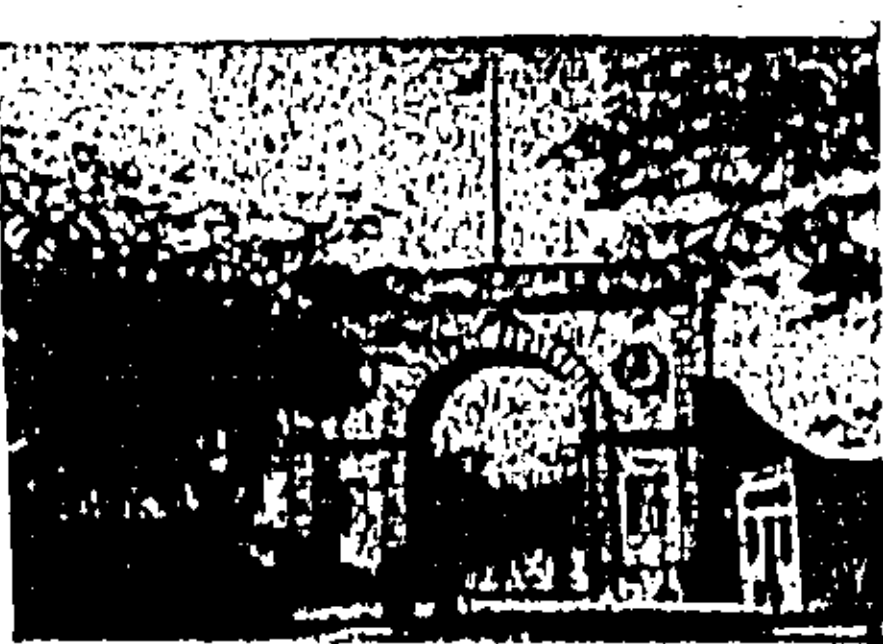
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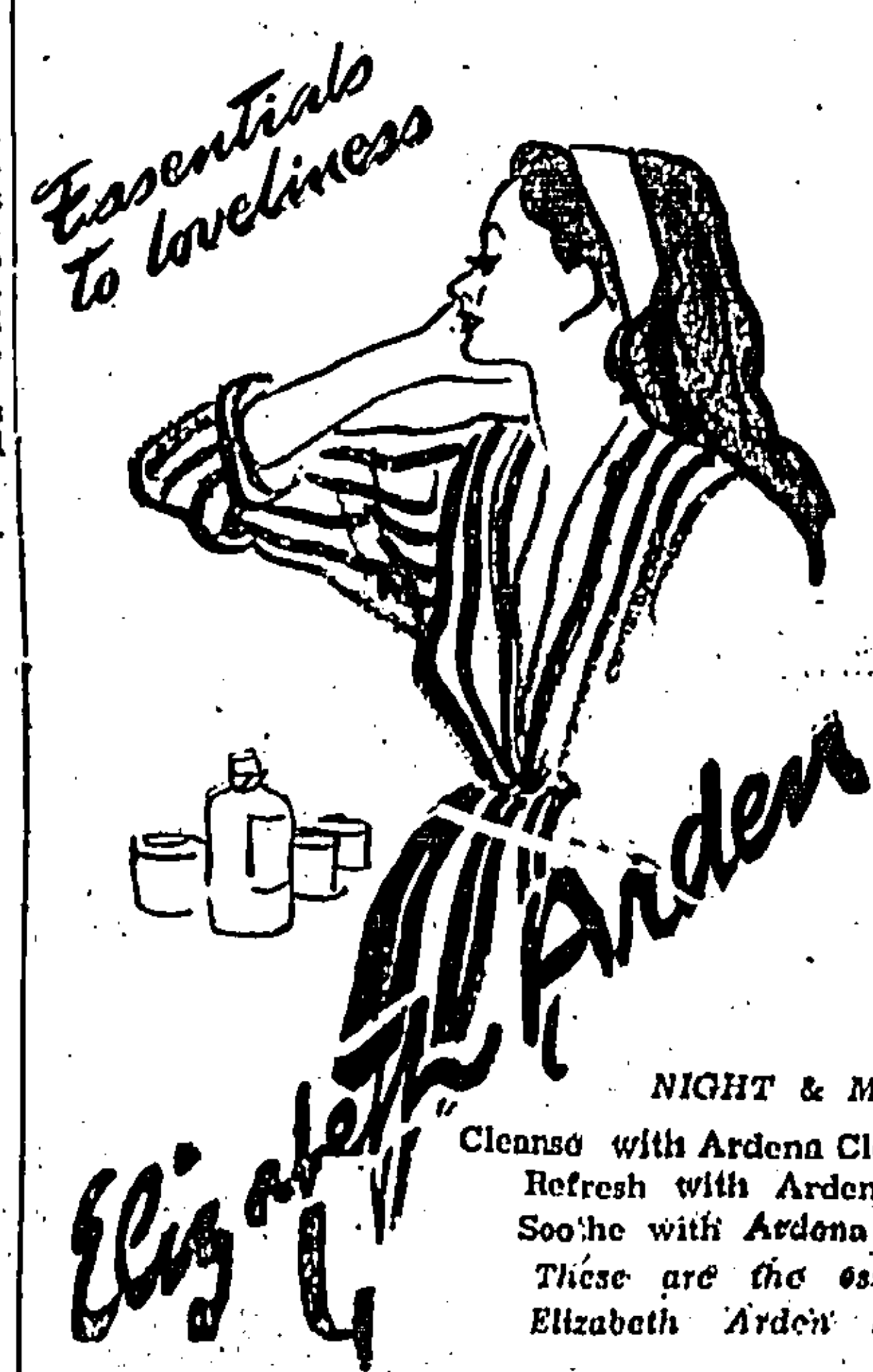
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CONVICTS EVACUATED FROM WRECKED ISLE

New York, December 6.

Hundreds of convicts are being evacuated from the penal colony on Maria Madres, one of the Pacific island group of Las Tres Marias.

The island was devastated by an earthquake yesterday, six being killed and several hundred injured.

The quake was one of several affecting various parts of the Pacific. Los Angeles, a wide area of California and the West coast of Mexico were shaken.

The evacuation of Las Tres Marias (a Mexican possession) is being carried out by ships of the Mexican Navy.

An air force squadron has taken medical aid for the relief of the injured.

General Equivel Martinez Ruiz, military commander in Mazatlan, said the island chain suffered heavy damage in three days of continual earth shocks.

An on-the-scene investigation, however, has apparently discounted fears that a new volcano was about to burst from the earth.

"Falling Apart"

The volcano reports, that mentioned yesterday by the commander of the penal colony at Bayeto, in the Marias, were revived today by a publicity report from the Bayeto lighthouse keeper.

The keeper said the hill on which his lighthouse is located was falling apart and clouds of smoke were pouring out of cracks in the ground opened by the quakes.

However, two Army doctors sent to the scene by the commander found the air heavy with dust but no sign of smoke.

General Martinez said that the latest quake in the tiny islands in the Pacific Ocean, 120 miles south of Mazatlan, was reported at 4 a.m. today. Thirty-three convicts were registered in 24 hours on Friday and Saturday.

Sydney Report

Two moderately severe earthquake shocks at 6.31 a.m. and 7.46 a.m. today, and lesser shocks at 1.30 a.m., were recorded by the River View Observatory in Sydney today.

The Observatory said the centre of the earthquake was about 1,800 miles from Sydney, probably near the Solomon Islands.

California Lucky
Los Angeles, December 5.
Southern California today

counted over several thousand dollars' damage from a severe earthquake which put seven Palm Springs holiday-makers in hospital.

The quake rocked the Southland from Santa Maria to the Mexican border for a minute to half an hour late yesterday.

Seismologists at the California Institute of Technology, who placed the centre in the Conechella Desert near Indio, 100 miles ESE of Pasadena, said it was lucky it did not happen in a populated area.

The desert resort of Palm Springs, crowded with film stars for the week-end, was the most seriously damaged by shocks which continued for half an hour. Thousands of dollars' worth of bottles and glasses

Ebert Not To Be Recognised

Berlin, December 5.

General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor of Germany, told German newspapermen today that the American military authorities are not prepared, nor do they intend, to recognise the Rump Ebert Administration set up in the Eastern sector.

He made this statement when questioned about an English newspaper report yesterday which quoted him as saying that he thought there could still be negotiations on a single Berlin currency among the four occupying powers and perhaps also between the two Magistrates (Eastern and Western) and that this would entail the recognition of the Eastern sector administration.—Reuter.

were smashed in the town's dozens of bars and liquor stores. Plate glass windows were cracked and shattered on the street, chandeliers and plaster fell from ceilings, and tiles from roofs and ancient adobe bricks 16 inches thick cracked.—United Press.

U.S. To Bring Up Korea Problem

Paris, December 5.

The United States today sought quick United Nations approval of the American-backed government in Korea, where Russia tested the tactics it used later in Germany.

The U.N. Political Committee is to start the debate on Korea as soon as it completes action on Palestine.

In both Korea and Germany, the Russians economically sealed off their occupation zone. They virtually stopped the movement of natives across the borders.

In both Korea and Germany, the Communists cut off electric power that had flowed into non-Communist territory. They set up governments in Communist-occupied areas while the West sponsored rival Governments in its zones.

In Korea, the Communists put out of business an American truck convey service to the American-occupied peninsula. The conveyers had to pass through Russian territory to reach the peninsula, but when the Communists became too difficult to deal with, the United States started flying supplies to their zone. This was a small version of the Russian blockade of Berlin and the Allied reply that followed.

Troop Withdrawal

In Korea, Russia quickly built up a large native army in its occupation zone which was far larger than needed for local security.

Russia demanded formally that all occupation troops leave. The United States replied that the withdrawal of American troops would lead to the overrunning of all Korea by the trained North Korean army. In Germany, Communist propaganda organs are

TYPHOON ALERT IN LUZON

Tokyo, December 6.

Luzon and the Northern Philippines have been alerted for Typhoon Beverly, which is approaching with 80 miles an hour centre winds.

The storm was 300 miles East of Guam at 6 p.m. GMT on Sunday.

It is expected to be centred 700 miles East of Manila at 6 p.m. GMT today.—Associated Press.

RUSSIAN PRESTIGE GETS SEVERE BLOW

Berlin, December 5.

Germans in the Western sectors of Berlin gave Russian prestige a slap in the face today by streaming to the polls for 12 hours in the city election, which turned into an amazing mass demonstration for Democracy and against Communism.

German central election headquarters estimated that about 1,481,000 voters, or 88 per cent of the 1,683,000 eligible, cast their ballots for 98 members of the City Assembly.

Three parties offered tickets and counting of ballots started as soon as the polls closed at 8 p.m. The counting was public, to forestall possible Communist charges of fraud.

However, there was little interest in the election as such. The parties submerged all their own differences to concentrate on showing Russian what the Germans thought of them. Every vote cast was for the Allies and against Russia, for the Russians themselves had precipitated the issue by boycotting the election—originally arranged for the entire city—and by doing all they could to sabotage it.

"The vote is an overwhelming condemnation of Soviet domination," said Colonel Frank Howley, United States troops commander.

"Today's vote proves to the world that the people of Western Berlin are worthy of the chance which the Western Allies gave them to decide their fate by democratic process."

Tense Day

"I voted, first because it was my duty," said a housewife, Frau Louise Blattermann, in a state more important perhaps, was the fact we Berliners had a chance to show how badly we want democracy instead of Communist rule."

Western Berlin was tense throughout the day because of free-flowing rumours that Communist squads would invade the Allied sectors to battle the police.

However, the nearest approach to a real incident came when two Russian soldiers entered a polling place in the British sector near the Soviet sector border half an hour after the polls closed. They tried to seize the ballot box, while voters were being counted, but German bystanders drove them off.

Seventy-three Communist agitators were arrested in the Western sectors for trying to interfere with the voting. Some of them tried to rip down Party election posters or to distribute handbills and put up posters of their own, denouncing the election.

Strike Threat

As the voting progressed, Allied aircraft planes roared overhead with supplies for the Western sectors.

The Russians, in addition to the stinging blow they suffered in the election and the election of four Communists from the Ruhr Mine Union Executive, now face a threat of strike in their own sector tomorrow (Monday).

Five thousand electrical workers in plants which supply most of the power for the Soviet sector announced yesterday that they would quit work at 3 p.m. Monday unless the Russians released six of their comrades held under arrest and withdrew police guards from power plant installations.

Unofficial results from more than 50 polling stations in all parts of Berlin showed the Social Democrats well in the lead with 20,300 votes. The Christian Democrats obtained 6,991 votes and the Liberal Democrats 4,858 votes.

The Social Democrats, with 4,000 votes, led in returns from 15 polling stations in the Charlottenburg district. The Christian Democrats polled 1,648 votes and the Liberal Democrats 1,308 votes.

Expression Of Faith

Results from 24 polling stations in the British sector gave the Social Democrats 8,096 votes, the Christian Democrats 2,770 and the Liberal Democrats 2,075.

Seventy-five per cent of the voters had gone to the polls by 5 p.m. local time tonight—three hours before the voting booth closed.

Berlin election headquarters announced that 60 per cent of the 1,300,000 electorate had voted by 4 p.m. local time.

Herr Carl Hubert Schwenke, the Berlin chairman of the Liberal Democratic Party, said tonight that the high rate of polling had exceeded the expectations of even the most optimistic political leaders.

"The world cannot ignore this overwhelming expression of faith," he declared.—United Press and Reuter.

Mediation In Greece Rejected

London, December 6.

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Foreign Office, Mr. C. P. Mayhew, today rejected an appeal for Britain to propose United Nations' intervention and mediation in Greece.

The appeal came from the Union of Democratic Control, a long-established group interested in foreign affairs. It was signed by about 60 Members of Parliament, among other influential people.

Mr. Mayhew replied on behalf of the Minister of State, Mr. Hector McNell.

Mr. Mayhew said: "It would be clearly out of order for His Majesty's Government to propose to the United Nations any mediation in any internal matter in Greece."

He added: "As you will realise we entirely share the desire of the Union of Democratic Control to see a cessation of the civil war in Greece, but the suggestion in the declaration cannot be acted upon."

"The suggestion in your declaration is, in our view, not only legally impracticable but also likely to aggravate rather than remove the basic causes of the conflict."—Reuter.

SOPHOULIS BACK AT WORK

Athens, December 5.

The 68-year-old Greek Premier, M. Themistocles Sophoulis, who was taken seriously ill last week, will be back at work tomorrow.

He will get up for the first time tomorrow from his bed in his office, where he has been since his heart attack and go home on Wednesday.—Reuter.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON THE SPOT?

Prague, December 5.

The Czech Premier, M. Antonin Zapotocky, the Foreign Minister, M. Vladimir Clementis, and the Finance Minister, M. Jaramin Dolansky, left today for Moscow for financial and economic talks.

Western observers believe Moscow will be told that Czechoslovakia is finding it more than difficult to balance her foreign trading, while the Eastward drain on her industrial production makes it hard for her to pay for raw materials from the West.

Observers said that Czechoslovakia, committed by the trade agreement signed in Moscow on October 8—to sending Eastward big consignments of industrial products and consumer goods, is finding herself with little left to attract Western markets.

The strength of the Moscow-bound delegation was an indication of the importance attached here to the talks.—Reuter.

DREDGER FIRE

Manila, December 6.

The United States dredger Texaco, destined for India from America, caught fire while anchored off Mactan Island near Cebu.

Customs guards joined sailors in a six-hour fight to control the blaze. The extent of damage was not ascertained.—Associated Press.

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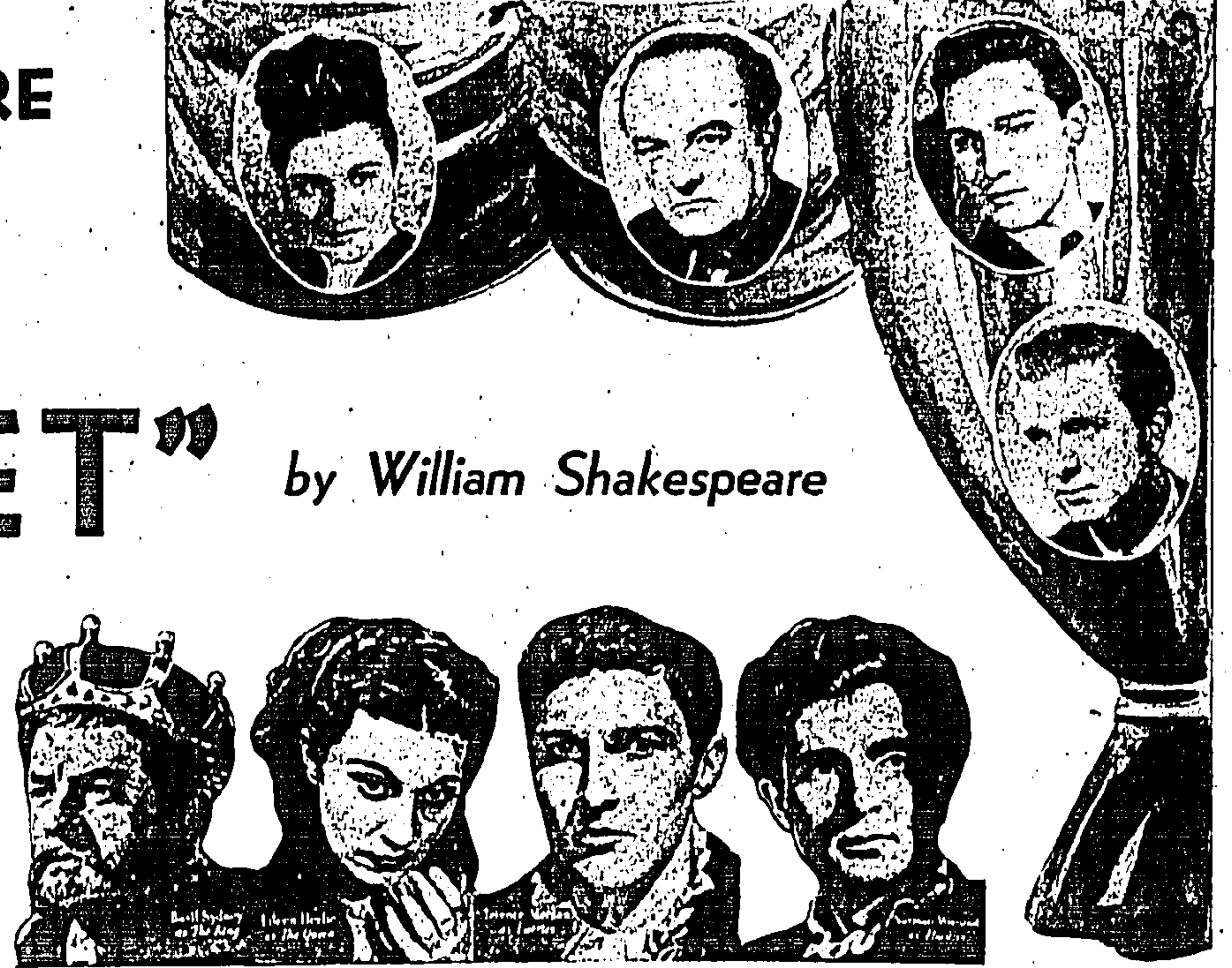
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By RICHARD SIDNEY

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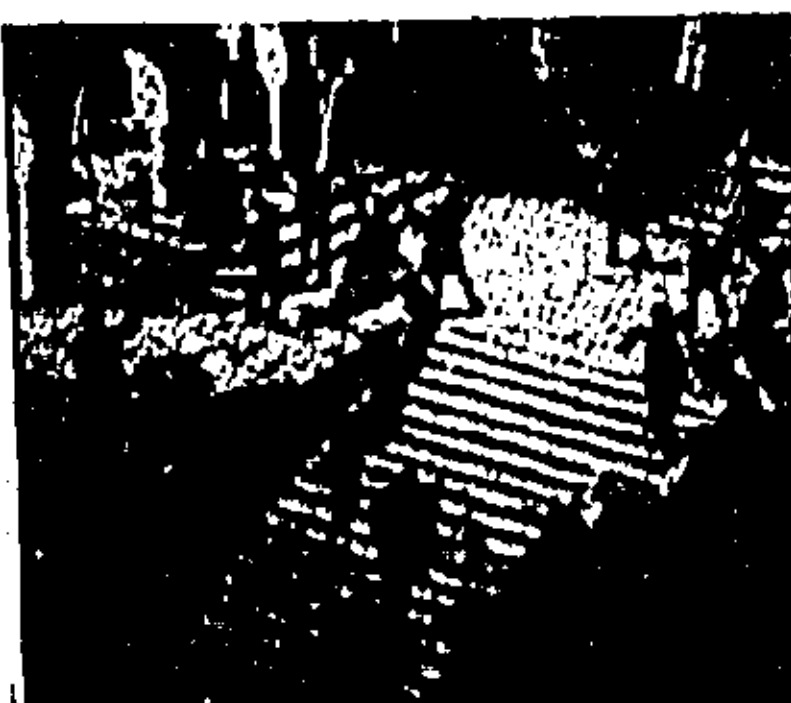
THINGS TO LOOK AT

What methods have been used to bring this great tragedy to the screen? All the resources of the cleverest photographers ably directed by screen actors and scholars and in particular, of course, by Sir Laurence Olivier himself. There is a sense of brooding darkness running through the film, and it is sheer genius that rejected colour and insisted on the film being shot in black and white. Mist spreads over the play, too. Continually are you looking out to sea, and the sea spray breaks over you. The Ghost is conceived through mist. There are endless heights and depths and wondrous vistas. It would be worth going to Hamlet and seeing it all as a silent picture for the sheer beauty of its photography.

SOME GREAT MOMENTS

How can one select from a traffic of the stage lasting almost three hours? Shall we mention the bed-chamber scene between Hamlet and his mother? Has this scene ever been played so dramatically and forcibly? And what of the play within the play? Will that not appeal to all of us who know something of silent miming? Best of all, perhaps, for sheer comedy, is Laertes's farewell to his father and sister. While Polonius tells his son not to a borrower be Ophelia is attempting to pick Laertes's pocket!

Let me conclude by quoting from TIME. "With this admirable filming of one of the most difficult of plays, the whole of Shakespeare's dramatic poetry is thrown wide open to good moviemakers."



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FELIX AYLMEY Polonius, Lord Chamberlain
TERENCE MORGAN Laertes, His Son
JEAN SIMMONS Ophelia, His Daughter

THE STORY

Hamlet's father, the King of Denmark, has died suddenly, and his throne has been taken by the dead King's brother Claudius who, with unseemly haste, at once marries Gertrude, the dead King's widow. Hamlet suspects that his father was murdered by Claudius and Gertrude, and his suspicion is strengthened by news that his father's ghost has been seen haunting the Castle of Elsinore. One midnight, on the castle battlements, the ghost reveals that he was indeed murdered, and makes Hamlet swear to avenge him.

This news so affects Hamlet that the murderers begin to fear him. So Hamlet arranges for a troupe of travelling actors to stage a reconstruction of the murder, hoping that Claudius will break down and incriminate himself. The idea succeeds, but Hamlet still cannot bring himself to kill Claudius.

All this while Hamlet has been troubled by his love for Ophelia, the young daughter of old Polonius; but Hamlet is so overwrought by his desire for revenge that Ophelia is never sure whether her love for Hamlet is returned.

While bitterly accusing his mother of her part in the murder, Hamlet discovers and kills a figure hidden behind the tapestry. He believes the figure to be Claudius—but it is Polonius.

Claudius at once takes this opportunity to ship Hamlet off to England, intending to have him killed there. But Hamlet learns of the plot, escapes and returns to Elsinore. His first experience on reaching the Castle is to stumble on preparations for a funeral, the funeral of Ophelia, who—distraught by Hamlet's apparent indifference and by the death of her father—lost her mind and drowned herself.

At the graveside he is challenged by Ophelia's brother Laertes who has sworn to take revenge on Hamlet.

Claudius suggests that the revenge be taken in a fencing-bout: Laertes is to be given a poisoned foil with which to fight Hamlet. If this fails Hamlet is to be given poisoned wine.

But this apparently simple plot goes terribly wrong. The poisoned foil, after scratching Hamlet, passes into Hamlet's hands and with it Laertes is killed. Queen Gertrude, knowing nothing of the poisoned wine, drinks it herself and dies. Hamlet, mortally wounded, just has strength enough left to kill Claudius before he too dies on the throne.

So ends the tragedy of Hamlet—the tragedy of a man of thought, who failed as a man of action.



Olivier has made a film of "Hamlet" much in the way he believes that Shakespeare might have approved it, had he been a modern screen-play writer instead of a Tudor playwright. So it becomes a two and a half hour film. But the significant and essential principle which must not be overlooked is that Olivier is guided by the same conviction which guided him in the production of "Henry V"—the

How "HAMLET" was put on the screen

belief that despite elimination, the artistic integrity of the play remains.

While the design of the production is unusual, the keynote of grandeur and spaciousness combines to give an overall effect of sombre beauty. A feature of the decor is the 13th-century European murals and frescoes painted in sepia tones on the walls and corridors of Elsinore Castle. The costumes are magnificent in their contrasts and designs. No very definite period is being established with the costumes, and the result produces an imaginative atmosphere of agelessness.

In the treatment of many of the famous speeches and scenes, special effects both sound and visual, some quite unique, are introduced. Devices of many kinds, mostly experimental, give added point to the richness of the drama. In order to

take in the tremendous number of incidents, often in scenes which have a large number of players, the lighting of the film has been arranged so that the camera has an unusual depth of focus in order that the smallest detail of the settings shall not be lost.

Laurence Olivier, in producing and directing the film of "Hamlet," had a conception of Shakespeare which defies conventional theatre production. He has no use for the static camera—he aims now, as always, for speed and action. The famous speeches are therefore said on movement, and this, while adding enormously to the technical difficulties of filming, results in a drastic tightening and speeding up of the story.

The camera can, and does, give a dramatic emphasis and sweep impossible within the limitations of the theatre. By

the bold use of the camera crane, Olivier moves the action about the crusted walls and ancient apartments of Elsinore with a speed which, considering the size and difficulties of the castle, with its huge pillars, its seemingly endless corridors, is a triumph of technical skill. "Anybody with a preconceived idea of "Hamlet" as a photographed stage play will be astonished by Olivier's force in film-technique."

It has been truly said that the interesting point about "Hamlet" is not that it is being filmed, so much as how it is being filmed. Olivier, not a professional film director, demonstrated in "Henry V" an imaginative technique in advance of conventional production. The impact of the originality of his conception has left a deep mark on the current cinema. "Hamlet" will make a far deeper mark in the advance of filmcraft.

WORLD PREMIERE HELD IN LONDON



Sir Laurence Olivier's new £500,000 version of "Hamlet" will be long remembered as one of the finest Shakespearean film yet made.

On May 6th Their Majesties the King and Queen, the Princesses and the Duke of Edinburgh attended the World Premiere of "Hamlet" at the Odeon Theatre. Before the performance several of those who took part in the film were presented to their Majesties.

ABOVE: At the World Premiere of "Hamlet", Her Majesty looks on while "Tools," Margaret Lockwood's daughter, presents a bouquet to Princess Margaret. Beside her Princess Elizabeth admires the lovely carnations she has just accepted from John Mills' daughter "Bunch" (in the foreground).

RIGHT: Jean Simmons is presented to Her Majesty by Mr. John Davis (centre), Managing Director of the J. Arthur Rank Organisation.



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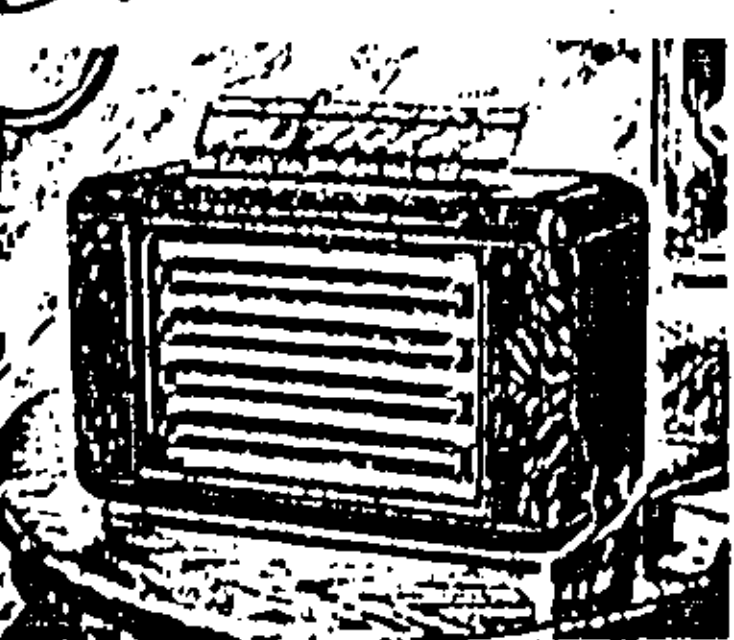


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Filipino FAO Delegates Study U.S. Agriculture

Washington, December 5.

A four-man Philippine delegation to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation will scatter this week-end to make extensive studies of some of the basic crop and food industries in the United States.

They have completed their work at the FAO conference which closed on Monday.

Congressman Domingo Panganiban, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, who headed the delegation, will make an extensive tour of the tobacco industry, studying methods of production, processing and distribution.

Cigar Market

He told United Press that there is some question whether the Philippines can regain its important place in the United States cigar market because of the high costs and production in the Philippines, but it is essential at least to cut down on heavy imports of United States tobacco and cigarettes by boosting local production of tobacco and products.

Dr. Felix Maramba, Philippine plant industry expert, will visit the hybrid seed laboratories and plants in the Middle West and will then tour the states of Louisiana and Arkansas.

Dr. Manuel Sumulong, Secretary of the Philippine FAO Committee, will specialise on livestock industry. He said that he will visit the dairying centres and beef, cattle and hog centres. He said that he will study the breeding, grazing, feeding, meat processing and will pay particular attention to the cattle industry in warm areas such as Florida where conditions may be similar to those in the Philippines.

Dr. Maramba and Sumulong, Director of the Philippine Fisheries, will study fishing methods, fish processing and distributing methods in major centres of New England and Southern Ports.

Export Assistance

Dr. Maramba and Sumulong said that it was likely the delegation will not return to Manila before the end of January. Asked about the impressions of the FAO conference, Dr. Maramba said that one of the most important accomplishments was that by which the FAO will

maintain a list of agricultural experts of member countries who can be exchanged from one country or another for scientific projects.

He said that this would be of particular importance in the Far East. Dr. Maramba said, for instance, South Africa has a number of experts on locusts who might come to the Philippines.

He said that locusts lately have been attacking practically all major crops in the Philippines such as rice, sugarcane, and corn with more or less damaging effect. He said that the Philippines could also use the pathologists of calibre in the United States to help diagnose "the puzzling new disease" of coconut plantations.

PI Specialists

On the other hand, Dr. Maramba said, the Philippines could spare a number of rice pest experts which no other countries had, particularly the Far East areas, where this disease has been creating great damage in livestock.

He said that it could also send nutritional experts to India and the East Indies. Approval by the FAO of a budget of US\$20,000 for a new Far East Rice Commission with temporary headquarters in Bangkok assured increasing rice production, increasing farming efficiency and reduction of losses from pests and inadequate crops.

Asked if they had any specific recommendations to take home to Malacanang, Dr. Maramba and Dr. Sumulong said that they should establish the policy of having at least one and perhaps two members of its delegation in the FAO permanently.

They said that as complete newcomers to the FAO and in spite of their experience in regional meetings at Bangkok, they felt they were less well prepared than they should have been to deal with numerous worldwide problems discussed by the FAO conference.—United Press.

Mid-West Hit By Storms

Chicago, December 5.—A near-blizzard today roared into the Mid-West from the Rocky Mountains, icing roads and sending temperatures down sharply.

At least seven were killed in private plane crashes attributed to the bad weather. A new winter storm compounded of snow, rain and high wind swept down from the Eastern slopes of the Rockies yesterday. It was the third such storm in a fortnight for Kansas.—United Press.

A TELEGRAM FOR HIROHITO

Tokyo, December 6.—Emperor Hirohito yesterday received his first telegram from a commoner and an unwelcome piece of advice.

The telegram which, according to the Japanese press, was sent by a shabbily dressed man of about 50, read: "Hirohito, Tokyo. Abdicate immediately after the executions."—Reuter.

CHINESE PROBLEM IS DIFFERENT

San Francisco, December 6.

"The animating principles of the Marshall Plan do not and cannot apply to the Asiatic economic problem," says the Chronicle.

Commenting on the five-year, \$13,000,000,000 Asiatic Economic Plan proposed at the Sydney conference of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, the newspaper said editorially:

"Whatever the United States does for Asia—and more particularly for China since it is the key to the Asiatic economic dilemma and the most in need of help—must be done on a different basis from that of the Marshall Plan.

"Huge as it is, the Marshall Plan appropriation represents only about five per cent of the total productivity of the 16 nations to which it goes.

ECA Details Help On The Way To Nanking

Washington, December 5.

The Economic Co-operation Administration today announced that \$66,200,000 worth of food, petroleum and cotton are in consumer channels in China.

Altogether \$108,700,000 additional economic aid was on the way by December 1.

SNIPERS IN HOLY CITY

Tel Aviv, December 5.—Jewish and Arab military commanders in Jerusalem today discussed the problems of irregulars in the Holy City who have been sniping in the Government House area.

This was the third direct meeting between the two officers, the Arab Legion's Colonel Abdullah Bey Tel, and Israeli's Colonel Moshe Dayan.

Their meeting followed an agreement on installation of a telephone line linking the Arab commander's house inside the Old City to the Jewish exchange outside the walls.—Reuter.

The expenditure of \$174,948,000 or over two-thirds of the ECA's \$275,000,000 authorization for China had been approved by that date.

The last advanced part of the programme is industrial rehabilitation for which \$67,500,000 is to be spent. So far the authorized spending for industry has been limited to \$1,100,000 for engineering services.

The ECA said that \$54,000,000 worth of cotton, and \$20,000,000 worth of petroleum, are already in China and of this all food and petroleum and one-third or \$18,000,000 worth of cotton are in consumption channels.

Enough Cotton

The present stocks of cotton are sufficient for needs until February.

The ECA said that \$26,000,000 worth of petroleum will reach China before January 1; \$15,000,000 worth of cotton will arrive during the first quarter of 1949; and fertilizer at present fixed at a total of \$13,800,000 will arrive in time for spring planting.

The ECA planned to provide \$70,000,000 worth of food, \$69,700,000 worth of cotton, \$50,000,000 worth of petroleum, \$13,800,000 worth of fertilizer, \$97,500,000 worth of industrial aid and \$2,500,000 for work of the Joint China-United States Commission on Rural Reconstruction.

Seven Cities

But the recent decision to add \$10,000,000 to the food programme will necessitate cuts in others.

The food, consisting mainly of wheat, wheat flour and rice, is being distributed in seven main cities—Peiping, Tientsin, Tsin-tao, Nanking, Shanghai, Canton and Swatow.

On the industrial programme, the ECA said that procedures are now established for selecting project engineers, mostly from private United States firms.—United Press.

Talks On Jerusalem Armistice

Jerusalem, December 5.

Arabs and Jews today met in a crucifix-adorned room in No-Man's Land and extended and strengthened the week-old armistice.

Opposition commanders were brought together in the windowless Armenian school, a stone's throw from Damascus Gate, by Colonel Roger Carleton, chief United Nations observer in the Holy City.

For one hour and 15 minutes they discussed means of extending the armistice to Northern Jerusalem and repairing utilities so that water and electricity can be restored.

A communique said, "Colonel Abdullah El Tel and Colonel Moshe Dayan met with United Nations observers and the Truce Commission today. Results were: Extension of the ceasefire in the North and several minor agreements were completed, such as a repair party on Mount Scopus, adjustment to the dam and repairs to sewers in No-Man's Land. Another meeting will be held soon."—United Press.

U.N. ASSEMBLY DECISION

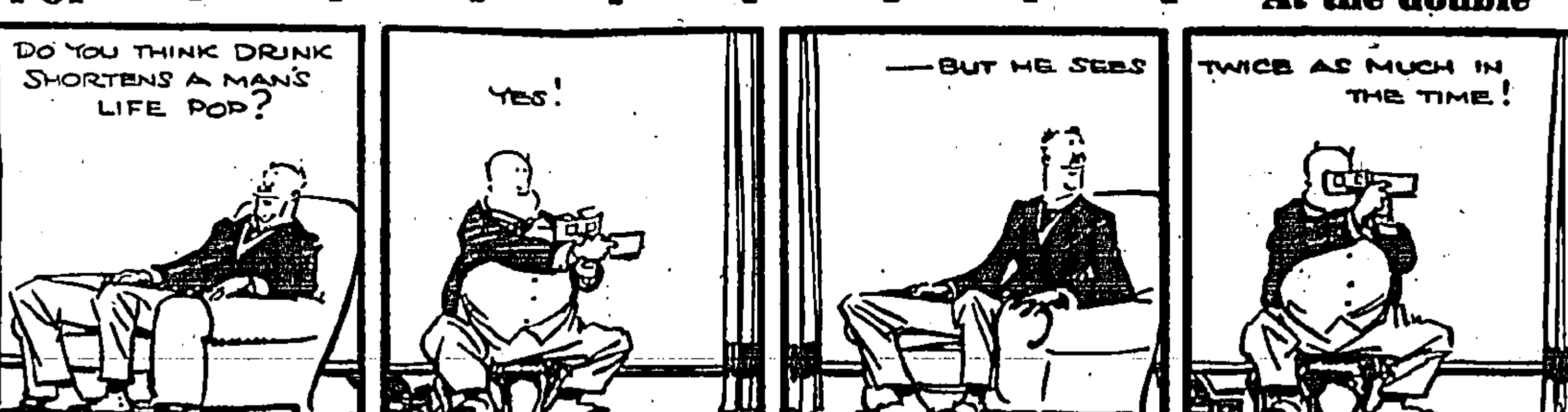
Paris, December 5.

The United Nations Steering Committee tonight decided to recommend that the General Assembly continue its present session in New York early in the new year.

Tomorrow morning, a sub-committee will decide the dates, the Budgetary Committee will discuss the financial aspects and the whole matter will be debated by the General Assembly in the afternoon.

Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, is expected to make a strong appeal on behalf of Britain that the Assembly continue its work in Paris and come to grips with such important items as the future of the former Italian colonies.—Reuter.

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STRUGGLE FOR NORTH CHINA HOLDING FIRE

Poiping, December 6.

Many quarters here think the Reds will not start a major action in Hopei until they bring heavy artillery into this maritime province from Manchuria.

There is no evidence so far that they have done so. It is common knowledge that the North China Commander, General Fu Tso-yi, suffers from a lack of big guns.

But doubtless he will try to redress this disadvantage by the use of planes if the Chinese Air Force can spare enough from the more vital theatre North of the Yangtze.

As things stand at the moment, General Fu should be able to put up a good fight against the Reds. The only thing which might seriously affect his plans is some serious defection. But quarters close to General Fu say they do not expect such a thing.

The troops under his command, they say, have a strong sense of personal loyalty to him. Some corps think General Fu will make almost everything in one major frontal battle.

Kalgan Operation
If he succeeds, then he could maintain his holdings in Hopei, probably, until next spring or summer. But if he fails, so the theory goes, he might decide to pull his forces out to the Inner Mongolia province of Suiyuan and hold his old base.

Quite a few watchers of the situation see in the present front operations around Kalgan, 700 miles North West of Peiping, an attempt more to halt the flow of food from Inner Mongolia to Hopei than a bid to take the city itself.

With the arrival of expected American and shipment to North China Command, Fu Tso-yi's forces will receive new equipment within three months and a large Air Force will be concentrated in the Peiping-Tientsin area, including possibly friendly foreign volunteers, declared the Mayor of Tientsin, Mr. Tu Chien-shih, when he addressed the Municipal Council last night.

He declared the coming increased Nationalist strength in North China as tremendous and expressed confidence in General Fu Tso-yi's ability successfully to deal with all the Communist forces at present operating in the area controlled by General Fu.

Mr. Tu Chien-shih urged subordinates to discard pessimism and unnecessary worries which were unwarranted. North China should be free from apprehension and anxiety under General Fu Tso-yi, the Mayor concluded.

Troop Movements

Heavy troop movements along the Peiping-Tongshan railway continued with local trains to Peiping delayed.

General Fu Tso-yi's strategy is still directed towards the concentration of troops in East Hopei with a determination to protect the triangular area from Peiping through Tientsin to Tongshan.

To this end, his operations involve the clearing of the Reds from Wuhsing to the North of the Peiping railway, roughly midway between Peiping and Tientsin, Paoli, Northwards of Tientsin, and Ningho, North East of Tientsin.

New precautions at the coal mining centre of Tongshan include advice to the populace to conserve foodstuffs, the improvement of fire-fighting apparatus and the cancellation of leave for public servants.—Associated Press and Reuter.

TOBACCO PLANT FIRE DEATH

Shanghai, December 6. The death toll of the mammoth fire at the Tai Chung Hwa tobacco plant and adjoining buildings rose to 10 as nine injured succumbed to burns.

Thirteen houses were gutted in the fire, which lasted three hours early yesterday morning.—Associated Press.

Chinese Fleeing Into Burma

Rangoon, December 6.

The flood of refugees pouring in from neighbouring China is causing the Burmese Government the gravest apprehensions.

Sources close to the Government said Chinese refugees fleeing the Communist menace are arriving in Burma from across the Kunnan border in vast numbers.

They expressed the fear that Chinese Communists posing as refugees might enter Burma in this way, thus adding to the Communist threat that the country already faces.

The Premier, Thakin Nu, went so far as to broadcast last night a warning that Burmese independence faces a new menace. He did not elaborate, but informed quarters said his purpose was to call attention to the refugee problem.

"Despite tightened frontier vigilance," informants said, "Burmese guards are unable to check Chinese crossing over into Burma. Within the last few days they have been pouring in over the border."

The possible collapse of President Chiang Kai-shek's Government, they said, may bring a new Communist threat knocking on Burma's Eastern door. The country already is torn by internal strife with two bands of Communists—the White Flag (Stalinist) Group and the Red Flag (Trotskyist) Group.

The Burmese press has been carrying reports of gun-running across the mountain into Burma. These reports said unidentified planes dropped arms and ammunition along the Southern coastal strip facing Siam and asked: "Who are these interlopers?"

Government spokesmen said it was impossible either to confirm or deny the reports.—Associated Press.

Little Likelihood Of More China Aid

Washington, December 6.

Against the background that some Chinese leaders are understood to have opposed United States support of Chiang Kai-shek on the grounds that such action would only prolong a government that is certain to fall, the official thinking is that there is little likelihood that President Truman will ask the Congress for more help for China. The President is expected to tell Madame Chiang as much at their meeting.

Chinese sources indicate that Madame Chiang may make a public statement on her mission soon after she calls at the White House. There also is the possibility that she may ask for a hearing before the Congress.

The Joint Congressional Foreign Aid Committee voted against hearing her unless she applies through diplomatic channels. She has been staying at Mr. Marshall's home in Leesburg, Virginia, and attended church today with Mrs. Marshall.—United Press.

Tientsin Being Cleared Of Military Rabble

Tientsin, December 6.

Local authorities are removing from the streets hungry, begging Nationalist soldiers who straggled into this old treaty port from their Manchurian battlefields of defeat.

Removal from the streets to camps and shipment to the South of more than 10,000 of these demoralised soldiers has released one tension in this city which, like Peiping, is awaiting the arrival of the Communists.

The Reds have units within 30 miles of here, but as yet have made no war-like bid for Tientsin.

Went by the Reds, in some cases captured and then freed, stragglers drafted into Tientsin for a welcome crisp and cool as the weather. The stragglers were broke and dispirited, most far from their Southern homes. Some were wounded in body, most were wounded in spirit.

Despite the frosty reception—there was no municipal or military programme of aid for them until a few days ago—the stragglers were not guilty of excesses. So far as can be learned they had not indulged in physical violence. Their arrival by two, twenties and hundreds gave considerable concern to foreigners but the troops do not seem to have bothered them unduly.

Shops Invaded

Trudging in small groups through the city, they appealed to their fellow Chinese whose response, according to most, was not enthusiastic.

The stragglers invaded some Chinese shops and restaurants, asking for food and money. The shopkeepers paid grudgingly, then closed their doors and shuttered the windows—but left their back doors open for their regular customers.

Once, to emphasise their plight, the troops laid in a street the body of one of their number who, they said, had died of cold and starvation.

British and American sources admitted they had been fearful of an estimated 6,000 to 20,000 stragglers and what they might have done, but their concern was mixed with pity for the soldiers and resentment against the Municipal and Nationalist Government which apparently shrugged off this invasion until the troops began pestering the local authorities for food and shelter.—Associated Press.

WHO INDEED?

Batavia, December 5.

Senator George Malone, chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Economic Committee, today complained that the Dutch authorities had refused to permit him to visit Republican areas. Nevertheless, he visited Jogjakarta today in a U.S. Army plane, saying: "Who is going to halt a United States Senator from flying aboard a U.S. Air Force plane?"

Senator Malone, who is studying Marshall Plan conditions here, said: "I got frank replies from the Republican side but no replies from the Dutch concerning my inquiries on the situation in Indonesia."—United Press.

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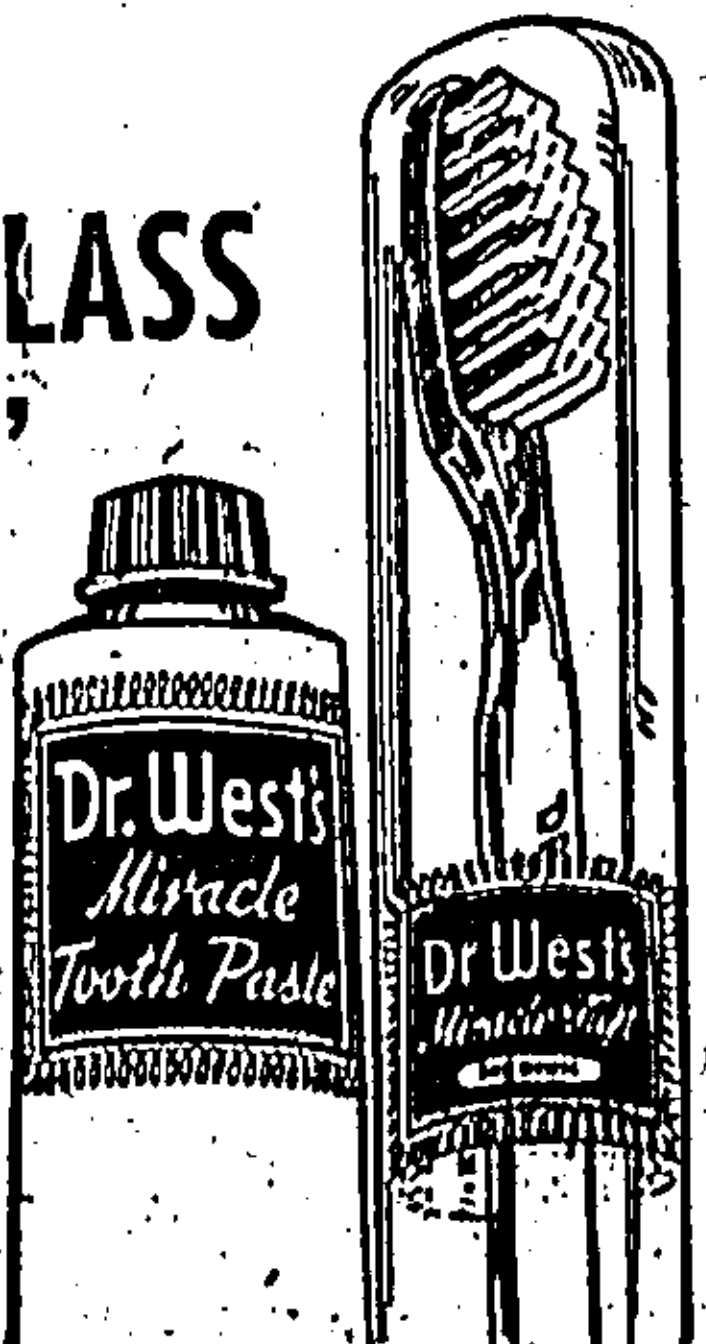
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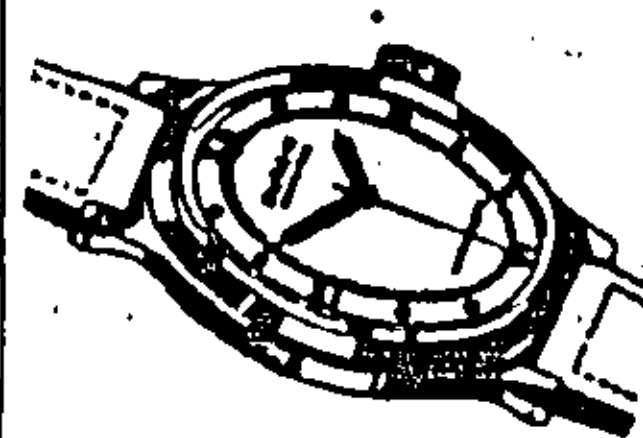
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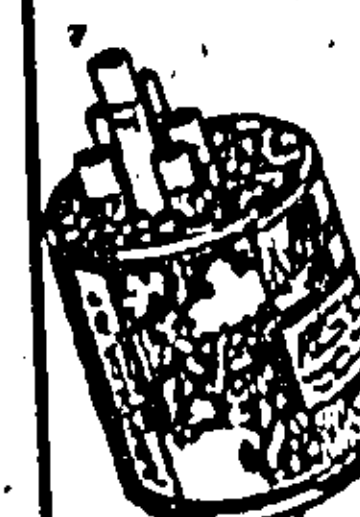


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GAMBLING INQUIRY
PROMPTED BY POOLS?

London, December 6.

REVENUE
OFFICER
ATTACKED

Revenue Officer 70, Young Leung, attached to the Sheung Shui barrier, was attacked and knocked unconscious by an armed man at No. 47 Railway Bridge, and his revolver taken away, about 9.30 a.m. yesterday.

The revenue officer was on his way to the Sheung Shui police station, with the woman as a prisoner, the revenue officer was approached by a man who pointed a gun at him. Unarmed, the officer was grabbed by the man, who tried to draw his own gun.

A struggle ensued, and both men rolled on to the railway tracks. The unknown man's gun fell to the ground, and was picked up by the woman and handed back to the man who struck the revenue officer on the head with the butt, rendering Young unconscious.

When Young recovered consciousness, the man took his gun from him and with the woman, escaped in the direction of Lo Wu.

Gun Battle

According to a brief report, the police had a gun battle with four armed robbers at Ma Chu Lung, (New Territories) at 12 noon yesterday. Two of the gunmen escaped.

Club Golf
Semi-Final

In the semi-final round of the Club Golf Championship at Fanling on Sunday, Mr. D. S. Robb beat Mr. G. S. Robertson and Mr. K. D. Carter beat Mr. W. O. Davies.

The final over 36 holes will be played next Sunday. The two qualifiers for the Captain's Cup were Mr. L.M.S. Lloyd with 72 on the Old Course and Mr. R.R. Coombs with 74 on the new.

The draw for the first round of the Captain's Cup is given below and the first round matches should be completed by December 27.

Members are reminded that the annual general meeting is being held in the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden, on Friday, December 10 at 5.30 p.m.

Draw for the first round of the Captain's Cup is as follows:
N.A. Brown v. J.D. Clague,
R.R. Coombs v. G.G.D. Carter,
C.H.T. Suen v. W.O. Davies,
W.H. Lydall v. F. Verril,
F. de Jong v. E. Bathurst,
D.S. Robb v. G.H. Catherley,
N.J. Booker v. L.M.S. Lloyd,
K.S. Robertson v. S.S. Gordon.

TENNIS TOURNAY
AT RECREO

The first post-war tennis competition held by the Club de Recreo was concluded on Sunday.

The following are the results:
Men's Single Championship (Senior):
1. J.H. Fongalves.

2. W.A. Beale.
Men's Double Championship:
1. J.H. Fongalves and A.W. Reed.

2. J.J. Remedios and A.W. Remedios.
Men's Single Championship (Junior):
1. E.M. Ribeiro.

2. T.E. Rodrigues.
Men's Double Championship:
1. T.E. Rodrigues and G.N. Goswami.

2. C.A. Barreto and A.W. Remedios.
Ladies' Single Championship:
1. Miss M. Ribeiro.

2. Mrs. J. Souza.
Ladies' Double Championship:
1. Miss T. Santos and Miss L. Segura.

2. Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. O. Silva.

LRC TENNIS

Results of yesterday's tennis at the Ladies Recreation Club: Handicap Ladies' Doubles (Finals).

Mrs. Litton and Mrs. Standall beat Mrs. Bradley and Miss Lambert 6-0, 6-0.

Men's Handicap Doubles (Inter-Hong).
Mr. A. T. Dow and Mr. W. A. Reed (Gibb Livingston) beat Mr. J. I. Barnes and Dr. Choa (Government Medical Department), 6-3, 6-6.

Mr. J. Mackie beat Mr. A. I. Smith, 6-0, 6-2, 6-1.

Today's Games
Handicap Mixed Doubles 4 p.m.
Mr. and Mrs. Prophet v. Mrs. K. Standall and Mrs. Litton.

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The coming Government enquiry into gambling as a whole, was probably inspired by the disclosure of the tremendous sums involved in football pools.

It was stated in the House of Commons that pools bring into the State coffers something like £15,000,000 a year.

It was following this disclosure that the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, announced that a Royal Commission is to be set up to enquire into gambling as a whole.

This would suggest that the Government, having realised how much money there is to be made out of the British public's intense desire to bet on anything and everything, have decided to award their money to the state by enquiring into gambling as a whole.

It has been semi-officially estimated that the British public spends about £70 million a year on football pools, which is but a drop in the ocean compared with the £150 million which, it is stated by the Church and Anti-Gambling Society, is spent on horse-racing and dog-racing.

Thus there must obviously be some very good money to be obtained out of the British betting public if it can be properly worked. The first step in this direction would be to legalise betting on horses and dogs and remove many of the present anomalies.

In the past, the Government has been against all forms of gambling, although only some forms are illegal and punishable. Others are allowed without being recognised as being legal.

Crazy Laws

Everyone realises that the betting laws in England (they vary even in Scotland) are crazy. Not so long ago, a magistrate openly declared that although he was forced by law to fine some men for passing cash bets in the street, he was entirely opposed to his having to do so.

As he pointed out, he could pick up the telephone in court and telephone his bookmaker wagers for hundreds of pounds. Sterling but the men in the dock had to be fined for giving a street bookmaker a wager of a few shillings; the point being that in his case no actual money had changed hands.

If this man had lost his money and did not want to pay, he could not be prosecuted, for off-the-course betting transactions by telephone or even cables and letters are just transactions of honour.

There is no question of anyone being forced to pay, either bettor or loser. Yet, when the poor man puts down his cash, he is liable to be penalised.

When these anomalies are removed, it will almost certainly be a punishable offence to try to avoid payment for which the bookmakers will be duly thankful.

Mid-Week Sports In
UK May Be Banned

London, December 6.

A new move to secure a ban on mid-week sport in Britain is to be made.

A report is to be presented to Cabinet Ministers on the effect which absenteeism, allegedly caused by the holding of mid-week sports fixtures, has on production.

The report is to be conveyed to the Ministers by Mr. Alfred Roberts, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Fuel and Power.

Mr. Roberts attended a conference of local authorities and industrialists in Glasgow, organised by the Scottish Fuel Efficiency Committee, and after the conference, the chairman, Sir Patrick Dolland, told reporters that his Committee had received reports from employers and transport organisations supporting the banning of mid-week sports.

Sir Patrick said his Committee had made their decision because of absenteeism in Glasgow industries and the dislocation of transport after the International football match between Scotland and Ireland on Wednesday, November 17.

In some establishments on that day absenteeism ranged from 15 to 20 per cent, while in some factories production

Even if they have to pay a tax, this is not likely to reach anything like the figure their tax debts reach each betting season. Bookmakers sometimes are the guilty ones, and here the layers who fail to meet their commitments are in the minority.

If a backer in the past did not get paid, it was almost certainly because he wagered with one of the less reputable commission agents, as these men like to be called, either that or turf accountants, the word bookmaker. It is considered a term of approbation.

No-one has yet any definite idea as to what inquiries the Government intends to make but it is thought that the probe may be roughly divided into these headings:

First, the extent to which gambling should be regarded as a social evil and therefore what should be allowed and what suppressed.

Second, what changes could be made in the present Gaming Act to remove the present anomalies that exist.

Third, to what extent gambling should be officially recognised and on becoming legal, suitably taxed.

No Lotteries

While the Church, which has set its face determinedly against all forms of gambling, will be eager to see it suppressed rather than recognised, there is little doubt that the Government will recognise betting in some form, although the general view taken is that they will refuse to sanction State lotteries or even big sweepstakes.

It also seems reasonably certain that they will remove some of the present betting anomalies and pave the way for a betting tax.

In his last Budget speech, Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, spoke of a scheme to control betting, adding that this would not be brought about without radical changes in the betting laws.

The Prime Minister said in his statement that there would be a further announcement in the New Year. However early it is made it is obvious that the Commission's work will take many months and it is not likely to have been completed by the next general election in 1950.

The Commission will have a hard task to please everyone in any new steps they may suggest should be taken.—Reuter.

49 POUNDS OF SPOTS



The young leopard, weighing 49 pounds, shot at Shataukok, New Territories frontier district, on Sunday by a local sportsman. This is the first time since the end of the war that a leopard has been shot in the Colony.

Invitation Events In
Inter-School Athletics

The Inter-School Athletic Meet was continued yesterday at Caroline Hill when several finals were decided. The meet will be completed on Sunday, starting at 9 a.m.

There will be three events open to the Colony. At about 11 a.m. an invitation 100 metres race open to all comers will be held, while in the afternoon there will be an invitation 400 metres relay race (4 x 100) and a Medley Relay Race (1 x 100, 1 x 200, 1 x 400 and 1 x 800) open to the Colony.

Yesterday's finals results were as follows:

Javelin Throw (Boys—Senior):
1. Poon Huk-ling (Tak Ming);
2. Conrad Wong (St. Joseph);
3. Lee Wai-leung (Pui Kiu). Distance: 34.5 metres.

Javelin Throw (Boys—Junior):
1. Lee Wai-leung (Pui Kiu);
2. Ngai Man-goh (Tung To);
3. Chiu Shu-chung (Chee Hang). Distance: 34.5 metres.

Discus Throw (Boys—Senior):
1. Chiu Hui-ping (St. Joseph);
2. Wong Wai-chee (Far East);
3. Sung Yuen-soong (Hong To). Distance: 25.5 metres.

Putting the Shot (Boys—Junior):
1. Ngai Man-goh (Hong To);
2. Lee Wai-leung (Pui Kiu);
3. Chiu Hui-ping (St. Joseph). Distance: 11.5 metres.

Long Jump (Boys—Junior):
1. Yip Kam-chuen (Wah Yau);
2. Kam Ki-tai (Tung Chai);
3. Yuen Ting-fat (Chung Kuo). Distance: 5.35 metres.

400 metres Relay (Girls—Senior):
1. Ling Ying College.

Local Soccer
Standing

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	Pts.
S. China "A"	8	5	0	3	28	7	15
K.M.B.	9	7	0	2	20	11	14
CAA	9	6	1	2	28	17	13
Army	8	5	1	2	26	14	11
K.H. Chee	10	5	1	4	24	15	11
Eastern	9	4	2	3	20	17	10
St. Joseph's	8	4	1	3	19	12	9
S. China "B"	9	3	2	4	23	25	8
Club	9	3	1	5	16	28	7
Police	12	3	1	8	15	34	6
Navy	8	1	1	6	10	33	3
RAF	9	1	1	7	12	33	3
Kwong Wah	9	0	1	8	10	30	1

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	Pts.
CAA	12	10	0	1	61	10	20
S. China	12	10	1	1	54	10	21
K.M.B.	10	8	2	0	46	18	18
Army-KL	11	8	2	1	37	14	18
Navy	12	8	1	3	59	15	17
K.H. Chee	12	6	4	2	35	44	14
Army-KH	10	7	1	2	31	19	13
Tramway	12	5	1	6	22	30	11
Police	11	4	4	3	19	22	10
Club	12	4	1	7	15	23	9
St. Joseph's	11	4	1	6	30	25	9
W.D. Chinese	12	3	2	7	20	62	8
P.C.A.	10	8	0	2	31	34	16
Dockyard	11	0	0	8	28	48	0
Talkoo	10	2	0	8	15	34	4
Solihon	12	0	1	11	9	48	1
University	12	0	1	11	7	48	1

Sport Suggested As Cure
For U.S.-Soviet Autagonism

New York, December 6.

Eddie Egan, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, called here for athletic competition between the United States and the Soviet Union as a means of promoting international understanding.

Speaking at a meeting of the United States Amateur Athletic Union, Mr. Egan said that when he visited the Soviet Union in 1934, he found then that "the people were really keen about sports."

"But when sport is controlled by the Government it has the life of death in it," he declared. "If we could bring Russia into some kind of athletic competition—play their games if they cannot play ours—we would go a long way toward promoting international understanding."

President Chiang Holds
Government Together

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Shanghai, December 6.

Only the personal presence of President Chiang Kai-shek appears to be still holding the almost non-existent Nanking Government together.

This trend towards disintegration is likely to be further stimulated by the reported change in American policy towards China.

The American attitude has given a bad shock to the Chinese public, who were still hopeful of increased United States aid.

It is generally believed that the Communists cannot be stopped from reaching the Yangtze, and there are increased rumours that the Government is moving to South China next week.

Politically, the China situation is lapsing into chaos.

Evidence of this can be seen by the efforts of high Kuomintang officials everywhere to escape South, despite repeated orders by the Central and local governments that all officials must remain at their post.

Too Late

In North China there has been talk of the possible formation of an independent North China government which might attempt to open separate negotiations with the Communists.

This seems highly improbable, if only because it is too late.

It is generally believed that within the next fortnight there will be some indication of how future events will shape.

Meanwhile, reports from Chin-wangiao indicate that earlier stories of the destruction of port facilities by Nationalist naval bombardment were greatly exaggerated.

Peiping Normal

It now appears that the pier was practically untouched and that only a few buildings were slightly damaged.

The situation in Tientsin continues tense, with hordes of displaced and wounded soldiers roaming the streets, stopping cars and entering business and private premises demanding money.

Peiping, on the other hand, is perfectly quiet and orderly, and life is proceeding normally.—Our Own Correspondent.

LAWN BOWLS SEASON
ENDS ON SATURDAY

The Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Season will officially end on Saturday when the last of the series of competitions, the annual classic event between Hong Kong and Kowloon for the Aitkenhead Shield, will be decided at the KBGC at 2.15 p.m.

This year the season has been very successful judging by the number of entries for the League Competitions and the Colony Open Championships. Added to this, there was the official Interpart match between Hong Kong and Shanghai which was played at the Northern Port and was won by Hong Kong.

To R. P. Phillips the Manager and his merry men composed of R. F. da Luz, W. Hong Sling, J. S. Landolt, C. S. Rosales, L. Sykes and T. A. Madar gave the credit of bringing the flag back to the Colony.

The Senior and Junior Leagues were won by Club de Recreo. The Portuguese boys thoroughly deserved their win for they have a far better combination than most of the other clubs.

New Winners

This year the different competitions have been won by new players, all the defending champions having been beaten with the exception of the Open Pairs in which the brothers A.M. Omar and U.M. Omar did not enter their winning combination.

The Colony Open Singles championship was won by J.A. da Luz who beat K.M. Omar in the final. Both these players started bowls about the same time and both of them deserved to be congratulated.

The Open Pairs title was won by W. Hong Sling and A.M. Omar who beat C. Rosa Pereira and F.V.V. Ribeiro in the final after an exciting game.

The Omar family won the open rink title when they beat Len Sykes and his men at Kowloon C.C. by five shots. The Omars have been knocking at the door of this competition for a number of years and thoroughly deserved their win. Their winning rink was composed of L.M. Omar, K.M. Omar, A.M. Omar and U.M. Omar (skip) while the losing rink was Pope, Atkins, Thompson and Len Sykes.

Pakistan Victory

The International Competition was won by the newly born Pakistan. They beat Philippines in the final. Pakistan deserved their victory after their brilliant win over the strong English combination.

The following are the prize winners. The prizes will be distributed at the conclusion of the game on Saturday.

First Division Championship: Club de Recreo.

Second Division Championship: Club de Recreo.

Open Singles Championship of the Colony: Winner, J.A. da Luz, runner-up, K.M. Omar.

Open Pairs Championship: Winner, W. Hong Sling and A.M. Omar, runners-up, C. Rosa Pereira and F.V.V. Ribeiro.

Open Rinks Championship: Winner, I.M. Omar, K.M. Omar, A.M. Omar and U.M. Omar, runners-up, Pope, Atkins, Thompson and L. Sykes.

International: Winner, Pakistan M.L. Razack, K.M. Omar, A.M. Omar and U.M. Omar (skip), runners-up, Philippines L.S. da Silva, D. Rozario, W.C. Ogley and A.E. Conter (skip).

Shield Selections

The Selecting Committee, comprising Len Sykes, T. A. Madar and J.E. Noronha, have selected the following rinks to represent Kowloon in the Aitkenhead Shield to be played at the KBGC on December 11, at 2.15 p.m.

Any player unable to play should contact Len Sykes (Tel. 50786), or T.A. Madar (25687) or J.E. Noronha (34188), 33049.

FIRST DIVISION

J.A. da Luz, J. Fraser, T.A. Madar, J.E. Noronha (Skip); A.A. Lopes, A.J. Hall, C.C. Pereira, F.V.V. Ribeiro (Skip); J. Remedios, W. McMeister, R.F. da Luz, L. Sykes (Skip); C. Rosa Pereira and A.E. Conter (skip).

SECOND DIVISION

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CAA v. South China "A" (Boundary 4 p.m.).
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Free Coaching
Programme

Free coaching by Mr. Eric Kent of soccer players of Clubs affiliated to the HKFA has been arranged for the week ending December 10, as follows:

Today	Club Ground
Tomorrow	Caroline Hill
Thursday	Caroline Hill
Friday	Sookumpoo.

Coaching will take place between 6 and 7 p.m. daily.

SECOND DIVISION
R.I. Wigginton, A. Steven, J.A. Remedios, G.E.F. Thompson (Skip); L.S. da Silva, R.S. Capelli, A.A. Noronha, A.E.F. Guest (Skip); J. Tindall, J. Tibble, R.